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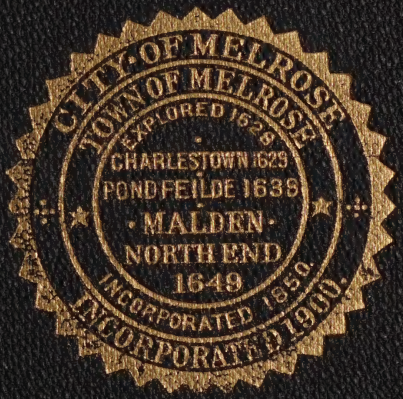

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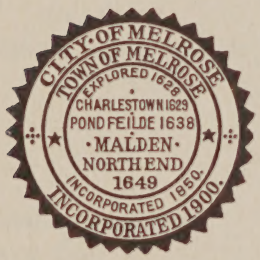

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GOVERNMENT

OF THE

City of Melrose

Mayor

CARL A. RAYMOND

48 Batchelder Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

ALLEN L. GILES

62 Lovell Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW

38 Laurel Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Herman A. Black, 68 Wentworth Road

Allen L. Giles, 62 Lovell Road

Chester M. Cummings, 152 Beech Avenue

Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road

(Elected as military substitute to fill vacancy caused by entry of Chester M. Cummings into armed Forces.)

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue

Ward Aldermen

1. George Barner, 1139 Franklin Street
2. James F. Eldon, 37 Marmion Road
3. Herbert M. Davis, 195 Florence Street
4. Theron M. Hatch, 97 Ardsmoor Road
5. Warren E. Taylor, 18 Adams Street
6. Stanley G. Bunker, 159 First Street
7. Joseph I. Meharg, 495 Swain's Pond Avenue

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN YEAR 1944

Appropriations

Alderman Walter W. Bruce Chairman;
Aldermen Bunker, Black, Barner, Hatch,
Cummings, Davis, Eldon, Meharg, Taylor

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Theron M. Hatch Chairman;
Aldermen Bruce, Black, Eldon and Davis

Financial and Legal Matters

Alderman Stanley G. Bunker, Chairman
Aldermen Hatch, Barner Bruce and Eldon

Highways

Alderman Warren E. Taylor, Chairman;
Aldermen Barner, Meharg, Cummings, McLaughlin (military substitute),
Davis

Protection and License and Public Service

Alderman Herman A. Black, Chairman;
Aldermen Bunker, Taylor, Cummings, McLaughlin (military substitute),
and Meharg

Clerk of Committees

Wesley H. Murray 12 West Wyoming Avenue

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

The offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays, viz. the offices of the City Clerk, City Collector, Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, City Treasurer and City Auditor; and on Saturdays the said offices shall be open as aforesaid from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, except when a legal holiday falls on a Saturday. The aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all other Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. except during the months of July and August. (Chapter 33, Section 10, of the Revised Ordinances.)

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

City Treasurer and Collector
S. Homer Buttrick

City Auditor
Edward J. Donovan

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works
Glen S. Weeks

City Solicitor
Harry E. Cryan

Mayor's Secretary
Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief
Office Vacant

Fire Warden
Sidney C. Field

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain
Louis B. Heaton

Lieutenant
William T. Fahy

Building Commissioner
Malcolm G. Fillmore

Inspector of Plumbing
Fred A. Young

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Cornelius Thibeault, V.S.

Inspector of Food
Harold R. Munro

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar
Harold R. Munro

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wesley H. Murray

Burial Agent and Agent for State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief
Dr. H. Leslie Trickey

Assessors

Norman D. MacDonald, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Frederick W. Patten	Holdover
Frank J. Sherman	Term expires 1946
Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Clerk	

Inspector of Wires
Fred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Dr. Albert E. Small, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Dr. Walter H. Flanders	Term expires 1946
Paul E. Troy	Term expires 1947

City Physician
Office vacant

School Physicians
Dr. Walter H. Flanders
Two vacancies

Board of Public Welfare

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Alice M. Fay, Clerk	Term expires 1946
Helen S. Campbell	Term expires 1945
Harry E. Dearborn	Term expires 1945
John W. Huse	Term expires 1947

Gertrude M. Bryan, Superintendent

Park Commission

Warren R. Kershaw, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Robert D. Culver	" " 1945
Walter C. Verge	" " 1947
Lloyd B. Waring	" " 1948
Kenneth G. Swindell	" " 1949

George W. Rogers, Superintendent

Board of Appeal

George H. Varney, Chairman	Term expires 1949
Lewis C. Hennigar	" " 1946
William H. Jones	" " 1946
Edward F. Page	" " 1947
George E. Thompson	" " 1947

Edwin H. King, Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

Herman H. Stuart

School Committee Members

Lester N. Woodland, Chairman	Term expires 1948
Anna C. Washburn, Corr. Secy.	" " 1948
Charles H. Adams	" " 1946
Matthew M. Cox	" " 1946
Herbert N. Faulkner	" " 1948
Ralph D. Leonard	" " 1946
Errol H. Twitchell	" " 1948
Edward J. Wall	" " 1946
Benning L. Wentworth	" " 1948

Trustees of Memorial Building

Leon H. Palmer, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Robert T. Boynton	" " 1946
Leslie B. Ellis	" " 1945
Dr. Harold L. Margeson	" " 1947
Louis K. McNally	" " 1946

Trustees of Public Library

Frank W. Campbell, Chairman	Term expires 1947
William L. Carney	" " 1946
Carita H. Lovejoy	" " 1947
Hugh Nixon	" " 1945
Myrtie F. Seaverns	" " 1946
Dr. Willis M. Townsend	" " 1945

Elsie M. Hatch, Librarian

Cemetery Committee

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

Inspector of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

Percy G. Tyler

Registrars of Voters

Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Edward J. Murphy	" " 1947
Charles E. Holt	" " 1945
Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk	Ex-officio

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Elizabeth N. Bailot	Gertrude M. McCarthy
Ida I. Dickinson	Florence M. McLaughlin
Catherine A. Galvin	Barbara H. Metcalf
Barbara H. Gove	Elisabeth C. Miller
Lillian M. Gross	Grace F. Mitchell
Dorothy E. Heileman	Lurina C. Murphy
George W. Jepson, Jr.	Frances M. O'Connell
Cecelia D. Kelly	Mary R. Winslow

Dog Officer

Louis B. Heaton

Planning Board

Edward P. Wells, Chairman	Term expires 1948
Lucy M. Steer, Secretary	" " 1949
William L. Bailey	" " 1948
Edward M. Laskey	" 1946
Kenneth G. MacQuarrie	" " 1946
Roger G. Rand	" " 1945
Edward F. Riley	" " 1945
Raymond S. Stevens	" " 1947
Mary D. Whitney	" " 1949

Retirement Board

Edward J. Donovan, Chairman	City Auditor
Martin J. Armstrong, Secretary	Term expires 1947
Sumner F. Hyland	" " 1946

Property Valuation Board

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman; Malcolm G. Fillmore,
Norman D. MacDonald

Committee on Public Safety

Harold W. Poole, Chairman — Albert M. Tibbetts, Clerk

Fence Viewers

Clyde O. Bailey — Charles B. Mahoney — Arthur L. Marr

Constables

Arthur Clyde Champlin
William T. Fahy
M. James Hanley
Louis B. Heaton
Wesley H. Murray

Keeper of the Lock-Up

Louis B. Heaton

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1944.

On April 26, 1944 the Board met and organized, re-electing Mr. George H. Varney, Chairman and Mr. Edwin H. King, Secretary.

The conversion of large single dwellings into multiple units is the greatest single problem before the Board today. In the past there has been a growing tendency to this direction, which now has been accelerated beyond the normal demand due to the housing shortage brought about by the war.

In considering these appeals the board has had to decide, sometimes in the face of considerable pressure, just what course it is best to follow in order that the best interests of the City and the immediate neighborhood may be served, not only for the present but in the future.

The Board is well aware of the fact that time tends to change conditions and that in view of this it may be advisable to make some changes in the zoning and zoning regulations which govern the Board's actions. A conference with the Planning board will be requested in the near future at which time these conditions will be thoroughly discussed and some pertinent suggestions made, and it is hoped that definite conclusions will be drawn.

The Board acted on five cases during the year, summarized as follows:

Decisions of the Commissioner upheld	4
Appeals granted	1
Total	5

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF APPEAL
George H. Varney
Chairman

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1944:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 36,660,450.00	
Personal Estate	2,715,900.00	
Total	$ 39,376,350.00	

Tax Rate $29.60 per $1000.00

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be raised by Taxation	$ 1,402,782.15	
From Available Funds	199,898.08	
Total Appropriations		$ 1,602,680.23
State Assessments - 1944 Estimates:		
State Tax	$ 76,351.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	2,010.93	
State Examination of Retirement System	429.27	
Charles River Basin	3,072.02	
Metropolitan Parks:		
Reservations	7,034.75	
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	738.96	
Boulevards	1,116.98	
Metropolitan Sewerage:		
North System	29,159.69	
Metropolitan Water	56,492.07	
Smoke Inspection Service	413.84	
Water furnished Saugus	550.00	
Total 1944 State Estimates		177,369.51
State Assessments - 1943 Underestimates:		
Charles River Basin	$ 175.25	
Metropolitan Parks:		
Reservations	593.74	
Boulevards	.01	
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	79.08	
Metropolitan Sewerage:		
North System	309.35	
Metropolitan Water	7,362.47	
Total 1943 State Underestimates		8,519.90

BUDGET-CONTINUED

County Assessments - 1944 Estimates:		$
County Tax	$ 48,837.58	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	12,302.59	
Total 1944 County Estimates		61,140.17
County Assessments - 1943 Underestimates:		
County Tax	$ 2,386.28	
Total 1943 County Underestimates		2,386.28
OVERLAY-1944		18,051.80
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 1,870,147.89
Estimated Receipts - City 1944:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 27,000.00	
Licenses and Permits	2,700.00	
Fines	300.00	
Special Assessments	13,000.00	
General Government	6,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	200.00	
Health and Sanitation	13,000.00	
Highways and Bridges	600.00	
Charities	16,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	56,000.00	
Soldiers' Benefits	2,500.00	
Schools	4,000.00	
Public Service	108,000.00	
Cemeteries	8,000.00	
Interest	5,700.00	
Total 1944 Estimated City Receipts		$ 263,000.00
Estimated Receipts - State 1944:		
Income Tax	$ 120,468.52	
Corporation Taxes	59,056.21	
Gasoline Tax	41,177.50	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	2,626.12	
Total 1944 Estimated State Receipts		$ 223,328.35
Estimated Receipts - State 1943 overestimates		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ 113.50	
Total 1943 State Overestimates		113.50
Available Funds		$ 199,898.08
Total All Deductions		$ 686,339.93
Amount to be Raised by Taxation		$ 1,183,807.96

How Raised:	
9134 Polls @ $2.00 each	$ 18,268.00
Personal Property - $ 2,715,900.00 @ $ 29.60 M	80,390.64
Real Estate - $ 36,660.00 @ 29.60 M	1,085,149.32
Total Raised	$ 1,135,491.48

Number of Persons, Partnerships, and Corporations assessed on Property	6,202
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	9,195
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	6,428
Number of Horses assessed upon	31
Number of Cows assessed upon	90
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	5,885

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	Personal	Real Estate
City Property Publicly Used	$ 394,900.00	$ 4,386,700.00
City Property Not So Used		128,075.00
Benevolent Institution	265,750.00	329,000.00
Cemeteries	500.00	22,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	39,700.00
Houses of Religious Worship	40,000.00	910,800.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	118,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	18,900.00
Parsonages		30,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,000.00
	$ 722,150.00	$ 6,001,175.00

The following additional assessments were committed to the Collector:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		$ 30,535.11
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 4,650.54	
" Sidewalk "	1,917.66	
" Street "	2,712.87	
" Committed Interest	2,051.26	$ 11,332.33
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 2,742.65	
" Sidewalk "	935.20	
" Street	1,033.80	$ 4,711.65
Additional Polls (61)		$ 122.00

During the year 24,560 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman D. MacDonald

Frank L. Herman

Frederick W. Patten.

Board of Assessors

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1924	20,197	4,208	5,658	17,404,450	6,823,800	24,228,250	2,978,700	27,206,950	30.60	772,887.24	22,848.59	15,503.70 2,388.03	38,800.00	30,876.18 249.00	20,646.66 223.34	904,991.57 *61,142.90	1924
1925	20,302	4,311	5,815	18,699,000	6,875,500	25,574,500	3,183,200	28,757,700	32.20	850,764.17	25,330.96 843.09	17,142.06 2,593.36	47,040.00	35,829.68 254.72	17,848.88 66.39 237.26	998,581.50 *60,963.60	1925
1926	20,865	4,449	5,994	20,467,600	7,317,500	27,785,100	3,481,900	31,270,000	32.10	925,465.94	26,278.73	19,505.23 2,603.30 3,235.32 231.68 302.58	47,040.00 436.05 408.10	39,379.87 255.04	14,812.61	1,080,024.45 *84,269.45	1926
1927	21,652	4,675	6,268	21,854,250	7,363,350	29,217,600	3,558,500	32,776,100	31.20	946,741.98	27,452.61	19,880.42 1,952.55 2,513.34 397.26	47,040.00 568.00 262.64 268.47 33.88	41,025.11 4,306.77	10,530.11	1,102,970.51 *67,820.19	1927
1928	22,587	4,708	6,591	23,575,450	7,479,300	31,054,750	3,526,450	34,581,200	31.60	1,043,604.08	27,025.33	17,152.10 2,961.88 634.97 786.90 1,435.56	37,315.00 273.27 2,051.95 253.16 121.29 2.66	39,291.06 3,010.85	14,719.84	1,190,639.22 *84,691.30	1928
1929	23,440	4,858	6,684	25,120,150	7,693,400	32,813,550	2,226,425	35,039,975	33.60	1,167,879.76	26,793.55	21,063.33 3,440.37 217.11 2,279.25 11,977.86	40,800.00 276.98 107.20 40.00 291.05 296.77 507.05 3.75	46,424.10	21,885.53	1,190,711.16	1929
1930	23,566	4,912	6,826	25,861,450	7,676,600	33,538,050	2,372,000	35,910,050	33.20	1,288,131.03	18,533.02	26,965.45 4,326.09 419.85	33,600.00 668.32 6,353.30 789.18 260.00	50,722.91 5,300.77	14,101.74	1,451,671.66 *245,806.00	1930
1931	23,712	4,987	7,027	26,265,500	7,792,300	34,057,800	2,480,100	36,537,900	35.20	1,394,583.11	18,525.48	25,998.96 4,619.94 740.70	36,000.00 7,027.00 590.00 665.16	59,803.18 5,631.87	15,978.06	1,570,163.46 *262,948.38	1931
1932	23,783	5,035	7,116	26,678,850	7,887,000	34,565,850	2,255,100	36,820,950	31.80	1,327,235.27 †90,057.05	17,334.15	92,873.07	50,797.50	50,847.38 8,893.99	21,674.18	1,659,712.59 *467,458.38	1932
1933	23,534	5,076	7,240	26,649,700	7,931,200	34,580,900	2,108,600	36,689,500	33.60	1,348,025.24 †206,930.62	16,643.37	90,190.89	46,890.00	47,082.90 16,653.34	34,866.13 239.34	1,807,521.83 *553,034.63	1933
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 †161,818.77	15,919.98	83,642.67	52,100.00	51,830.98 15,538.41	27,844.47 4,088.45	1,769,272.70 *543,865.10	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 †58,458.85	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,983.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,968.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,743	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,926.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	*1,870,147.89 686,339.93	1944

• .... • .... • Following the 1929 State audit, changes were made in the accounting method which render impossible comparisons of appropriations between the years previous and those following.

† From Available Funds

* Receipts.

Annual Report

of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

City of Melrose

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1944

Organization of Board
Albert E. Small, M.D., M.P.H., Chairman
Walter H. Flanders, M.D., Paul E. Troy, Atty., Members

School Physicians

Walter H. Flanders, M.D. Donato T. Scenna, M.D.*
Jackson Flanders, M.D.*

*with the Armed Forces

School Nurses

Myrtle S. Meriam, R.N. Elsie M. Ashmead, R.N.

Inspectors

Plumbing	Fred A. Young
Milk	Harold R. Munro
Animals	Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health herewith respectfully submits its annual review of the sanitary condition of the city for the year ending December 31, 1944.

GENERAL HEALTH -

The number of deaths declined during the year giving us an apparent death rate of 10.0 per 1,000 population which is the lowest we have had for several years. The corrected death rate for Melrose residents only, is 11.3 per 1,000 population in contrast to the general death rate in the United States estimated for 1944 of 10.7 per 1,000 population. It is not to be wondered at that our rate is higher when we consider that 65% of our deaths were over 65 years of age. The birth rate shows a slight drop to 14.9 while the estimate for the United States for 1944 is 22.5 per 1,000 population. The decline in births for the past year is almost country wide. There were only 8 deaths of infants under 1 yr. giving us an infant mortality of 19.2 as compared with the estimated infant mortality for the whole United States for 1944 of 39.0 per 1,000 live births which would be a new low level in the United States for a death rate among babies. It is noteworthy that all 8 of our infant deaths were under 3 days of age, no deaths occurring between 3 days and 1 yr.

During the past year an evaluation schedule was completed for the American Public Health Association for the year 1943. The schedule carried 207 items for scoring purposes and of these our Board of Health was rated as "good" for 115. Of the 17 items which were considered of the greatest importance our health department was given a "poor" rating on seven of them. Health activities are divided into 15 sections and we were rated as "good" on 4 sections, "fair" on 4 and "poor" on 7 sections giving a total efficiency rating for the department of 56. Much of this low rating can be traced to their comment, "The health department budget is very small".

The expenditures of the department in 1944 exclusive of items not usually grouped as health items such as hospitalization, plumbing and school inspection amounted to $6,264.51 which, less receipts of $270.00 gives a net per capita expenditure for health of 21.5 cents. The minimum amount for adequate service is considered to be 50 cents per capita.

SCARLET FEVER - We had a small epidemic of scarlet fever which reached its peak in June then practically died out, began again in September and is still on the increase. Fortunately, at the present time the disease is very mild in character. Except for this we have been relatively free from communicable disease.

TUBERCULOSIS - Twelve new cases were reported during the year, the diagnosis in one service man later being revoked after further study. Of the remaining eleven, one was a soldier discharged from active service and one was a World War I veteran and one was reported from the Tewksbury State Infirmary where he had been an inmate for several years. The average age of the new cases was 37 years, the oldest being 78 years and the youngest 7 years. There were five deaths whose average age at death was 48 years, the oldest being 80 years and the youngest 26 years. We have had an average of nine patients per month in the County Sanatorium which is two less than for the previous year. There was a total of patient days of 3,097 as against 3,523 for the previous year, with a gross cost to the city of $38.30 per week, and a net cost, after subtracting reimbursements, of $34.70 per week as against $22.90 for the previous year.

After a lapse of several years we resumed the tuberculosis case finding program among high school pupils by taking chest x-rays of the junior and senior pupils. Out of an enrollment of 557, 547 were examined and no case of adult-type tuberculosis was found. In addition to these pupils nineteen of the high school personnel were examined and all were negative. It is planned to make this a yearly program and with proper cooperation to have every junior pupil examined. This is not only a very desirable move for the detection of incipient cases, which we are handicapped in finding through insufficient nurse personnel, but it is also desirable from an industrial standpoint since there is a growing tendency in many industries to require a chest x-ray before giving employment.

DIPHTHERIA - One case of diphtheria originated in our city during the past year, curiously enough in a child who had been immunized only a few years before. The source of the infection was not determined. In addition to this case, three children who had nasal diphtheria were sent here by the Division of Child Guardianship and removed when the diagnosis was made.

A total number of 421 children have been immunized during the year, the Board of Health having done 143 at the school and Red Cross clinics, the remainder being done by doctors in Melrose and other places some as far away as Florida. Fifty eight post card returns have been received from out of town doctors. There were 445 births in 1943 and we have records of 85 of these having been immunized under one year of age.

The total enrollment in the first grades at the time of the clinic was 307 and of these 199 or 65% had been immunized prior to entering school. The total enrollment of the first and second grades was 588 and 92% are immunized against diphtheria. This percentage precludes the possibility of a diphtheria epidemic in our city. We continue to receive favorable comments about our "Birthday Greetings" and some parents have even retained the return postal card for several months until the child was immunized and then mailed it to us. Occasionally a parent will write a note of thanks and appreciation on the card.

IMMUNIZATION OF DOGS - The usual clinic for the immunization of dogs was held two days in May at a charge of 50¢ per dog. The total dog population, as given us by the City Clerk was 1,614 and only 256 of these were brought to the clinic to be immunized. It is true that the incidence of rabies among dogs has markedly decreased in the State during the past few years but for our citizens to be assured of sufficient protection for both themselves and their dogs a much larger percentage of the dogs needs to be immunized. The net cost to the city per dog for the immunization was 6¢.

SANITATION -

RESTAURANTS - The amendments to the Board of Health regulations covering restaurant sanitation which were adopted in 1943 were finally approved by the State Department of Health on March 14, 1944.

A school for restaurant proprietors and workers was held during the year at which lectures were given by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Munro, the Food Inspector and Mr. Taft the District Inspector. In addition to these lectures, several moving pictures bearing upon the subject matter were shown. A total of sixty persons attended the three sessions. The importance of cleanliness in every step of the process of serving food from the purchase of the article on down through the washing of the dishes used, is difficult to instill into the minds of employees and it is also difficult to get them to change insanitary practices to which they have become accustomed. We feel that we have made progress but to accomplish the best results we need a full time inspector and the benefits of more frequent laboratory control.

The few bacterial counts which we have been able to make on dishes and eating utensils have shown varying results through our inability to follow them up more frequently. Many of these counts have been below 10 bacteria per unit surface while 100 bacteria per unit surface is allowable. All of our restaurants are equipped to obtain satisfactory results and it merely requires the will to act on the part of the proprietor for all of the counts to be below 10. One such proprietor who lacked the will to maintain a clean sanitary establishment has had his license revoked.

In the month of August, the State Department of Health inspectors made a survey of all of our restaurants and rated them according to the United States Public Health Standards giving us a score of 63%. This was regarded by them as very satisfactory considering the length of time the program had been in operation.

BAKERIES - All the bakeries received a semi-annual inspection and objectionable practices were called to their attention. In general sanitation of the bakeries is considered satisfactory.

MILK - The milk sold in the City of Melrose continues to be of high quality and the report of the Inspector of Milk would show a much better percentage but for the poor showing throughout the year of one milk dealer.

SEWERS - We have continued to require house connections to the sewers, where such are available, to as great an extent as the limited man-power of the Public Works Department would permit. We hope during the coming year to complete all of the connections in the southeast sewer district.

NUISANCES - Forty-five complaints on various nuisances were received by this department which were investigated by the Inspector. Unclean premises, garbage strewn over yards and noisy hens were among the most frequent of these complaints.

BOARDING HOUSES FOR INFANTS - There were 10 applications approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Swan M.D. M.P.H. Board of

F. H. Hamblen ... Health of

Paul E. Irons. Melrose.

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1944	Totals 1944	1943	Totals 1943
Total Appropriation		$21,230.00		$22,880.00
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$ 9,689.34		$ 9,703.96
Chairman	$1,200.00		$1,200.00	
Board Members	100.00		100.00	
Clerk	1,282.76		1,600.00	
Substitute Clerk	390.00		30.00	
School Physician	500.00		555.00	
School Nurses	2,566.58		2,669.46	
Inspector of Animals	500.00		500.00	
Inspector of Milk & Food	1,500.00		1,399.50	
Inspector of Plumbing	1,650.00		1,650.00	
Other Expenses		630.21		596.94
Dead Animals	117.00		76.50	
Ads & Reports	12.00		31.00	
Telephone	77.72		80.38	
Car Maintenance	55.49		77.28	
Postage & Express	53.91		32.24	
Car Allowance for Nurses	150.00		150.00	
Office Supplies	101.04		100.13	
Sundries	63.05		49.41	
Tuberculosis		5,913.44		7,607.45
Outside Aid	668.44		382.42	
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	5,245.00		7,184.03	
Ambulance Service			41.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		1,377.29		935.37
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	1,322.15		878.00	
Medicine	.40			
Sundries	54.74		57.37	
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals				105.00
Immunization of Dogs		143.45		163.10
Total Expenditures		17,753.73		19,111.82
Revenues of Board of Health		1,967.98		5,373.38
Licenses & Permits	142.00		99.50	
Reimbursements	1,697.98		5,173.88	
Dog Clinic	128.00		100.00	
County Tax		12,302.59		10,571.89

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE

		MALES	FEMALES
I	Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	3	
II	Cancer & Other Tumors	17	30
III	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition & of the Endocrine Glands. Other Gen. Diseases & Avitaminoses	3	5
IV	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-forming Organs		2
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	17	24
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	44	41
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	10	11
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	10	2
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	10	6
XI	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium		1
XIV	Congenital Malformations	1	3
XV	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	3	3
XVI	Senility		2
XVII	Violent or Accidental Deaths	9	8
XVIII	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes	10	4

There were 7 stillbirths in 1944 in Melrose.

Deaths of all persons in Melrose	Males	137
	Females	142
	Total	279

There were 6 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1944.

Deaths of all Melrose residents	Males	164
	Females	157
	Total	321
Of these deaths, children under one year		8
Persons over sixty five years		205

TABLE III

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths of Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1939	283	9	31.7
1940	324	4	12.3
1941	350	7	20.0
1942	398	15	37.7
1943	445	16	36.0
	5 year average		27.5
1944	415*	8	19.2*

*Provisional figures

Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents	232
Children born elsewhere to Melrose parents	183
Children born in Melrose to non-residents	290
Total	705

ESTIMATED POPULATION JULY 1, 1944 - 27,800

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Apparent death rate per 1,000 population	11.3	10.4	11.7	12.3	10.
*Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	10.2	10.2	11.5	12.2	11.3

*(Eliminate deaths of non-residents and add deaths of residents dying elsewhere.)

TABLE IV

INFANT MORTALITY FOR MELROSE RESIDENTS

Class No.	YEAR 1944		AGES Under 1 yr.	Under 1 mo.	Under 1 dy.	1-2 dys.	2-3 dys.	3 dys. to 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3 wks. to 1 mo.	1-2 mos.	2-3 mos.	3-6 mos.	6-9 mos.	9-12 mos.
157	Congenital Malformations (Stillbirths not included)	M														
		F	1	1			1									
159	Premature Births	M	3	3	2	1										
		F	1	1	1											
161	Other diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy	M	1	1			1									
		F	1	1	1											
200b	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes	M	1	1	1											
	Total		8	8	5	1	2									

TABLE V

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles *		Lobar Pneumonia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Polio myelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis					
																	Pul. & Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1935	0	0	27	0	0	0	12	0			0	0	9	0	7	0	10	5	0	0	6	0
1936	3	0	25	0	2	0	102	0			0	0	0	0	15	0	8	6	0	0	1	0
1937	1	0	49	0	4	1	362	0	49	11	0	0	4	0	51	0	11	2	1	1	1	0
1938	1	0	29	0	0	0	8	0	48	11	1	0	0	0	11	0	12	7	1	2	2	1
1939	1	0	27	0	1	1	62	0	68	9	0	0	1	0	33	0	6	6	1	1	2	1
1940	1	0	22	0	0	0	39	0	61	3	0	0	0	0	52	0	12	4	1	1	2	0
1941	0	0	65	0	0	0	174	0	37	6	0	0	4	0	51	0	9	4	0	0	0	1
1942	0	0	58	0	0	0	157	0	45	6	0	0	0	0	12	0	13	2	0	0	2	0
1943	4	0	67	0	0	0	396	0	23	6	2	0	1	0	43	0	7	6	0	0	0	1
1944	1	0	99	0	1	0	251	0	25	7	0	0	2	0	6	0	10	5	0	0	1	0

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

To the Board of Health,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Inspector of Milk herewith respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1944.

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants	34
Dairies within city limits	23
Ice cream plants	14

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	80
Grade "A" Milk	30
Raw Milk to Pasteurizing Plants	24

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk & cream (found below standard, 2)	109
Bacteriological examination of milk & cream (found above legal standard, 4)	133
Phosphatase test (positive tests, 4)	109

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers Declaration)

Pasteurized Milk	14,500 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	24 qts.
Light Cream	700 qts.

DAILY SALES MILK PRODUCTS FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES

Pasteurized Milk	500 qts.
Light Cream	100 qts.
Ice Cream Mix	180 qts.

BACTERIOLOGICAL COUNTS ON MILK SAMPLES WERE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

MARKET MILK

0 to 1,000	9.2% of samples collected
1,001 to 5,000	71.3% of samples collected
5,001 to 10,000	11.7% of samples collected
10,001 to 15,000	2.6% of samples collected
15,001 to 25,000	2.6% of samples collected
over 25,000	2.6% of samples collected

GRADE "A" MILK

0 to 1,000	32.1% of samples collected
1,001 to 5,000	43.0% of samples collected
5,001 to 10,000	15.0% of samples collected
over 10,000	10.9% of samples collected

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Milk & oleomargerine, stores and dealers	152
Pasteurizing Plants	2
Licenses suspended or revoked	0
Dairy permits refused or revoked	0
Ice cream manufacturing permits	1
Ice cream retail sales permits	44

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1944

MARKET MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	3.35	40,000
Bucci, Amelia	3.80	4,000
Cherry Valley	3.93	8,400
Cummings, B. L.	3.80	5,300
Forbes Milk Co.	3.90	36,100
Hanson, Martin	4.35	2,300
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.07	2,000
Howard Farm	3.82	7,900
Kiley Farm	3.80	1,600
Lyndonville Creamery (Speedwell)	3.96	3,800
McAdams, J. F. & Bros.	4.03	3,100
Palmer, Harry	4.46	4,500
Potts & Harding	3.80	5,700
Prescott, J. B. Co. Inc. (Bedford)	4.05	3,300
Quinn, J. E.	3.95	1,900
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.00	1,700
Simmons, Charles L.	3.83	9,500
Spear, C. W.	4.06	19,500
Weiss Farm	3.67	3,000
Whiting Milk Co.	3.90	2,500

GRADE "A" MILK

State Standard	4.00	10,000
Forbes Milk Co.	4.10	7,000
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.30	1,300
Kiley Farm	4.10	1,200
McAdams, J. F. & Bros.	4.30	1,200
Palmer, Harry	5.00	2,800
Potts & Harding	4.03	3,900
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.70	1,000
Spear, C. W.	4.43	5,500
Whiting Milk Co.	4.15	2,200

Respectfully submitted,
Harold R. Munro
Harold R. Munro,
Inspector of Milk.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF FOOD

Inspections:

Common Victuallers	100
Licenses recommended suspended	2
Licenses recommended revoked	1
Stores-Food	62
Court actions	3
Convicted	2
Court Fines	$40
Filed	1
Stores-Drug	21
Bakeries	21
Food condemned as unfit for human consumption forty-four and one-half (44½) pounds of meat.	
Complaints investigated	7
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils	43
Found unsatisfactory	29

Respectfully submitted,
Harold R. Munro
Harold R. Munro,
Inspector of Food

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

1944

Permits issued to do plumbing in new buildings..... 0
Permits issued to do plumbing in old buildings.....119

Total permits issued.....119

Number permits, work approved.....107

Number permits, work not completed December 31, 1944..... 12

Number water tests..... 5

Number of visits of inspection.....186

Fixtures installed:

Sinks	38
Trays	18
Water closets	54
Baths	25
Lavatories	46
Pressure boilers	36
Other Miscellaneous Fixtures	19

Number permits,new buildings to be connected to sewer..... 0
Number permits,new buildings to be connected to cesspools. 0
Number permits,old buildings to be connected to sewer..... 7
Number old buildings reported by the Public Works Department connected to sewer (no inside plumbing to be done)..... 20
Number old buildings connected to sewer (inside plumbing to be done)..... 7

Total old buildings connected to sewer in 1944..... 34

Respectfully submitted,
Fred A. Young
Fred A. Young,
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Eighty-three (83) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There was no cases of rabies in the city this year.

Forty-nine (49) cattle were added to dairy herds from out of state by permit from the Division of Livestock Disease Control.

By order of the Director of the Division of Livestock Disease Control, in order to conserve tires and gasolene, no inspections of barns, neat cattle, sheep and swine were required for the year 1944.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Thibeault
C. Thibeault,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor and
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

For the year 1944 there were One Hundred and Fifty-Nine (159) building permits issued by this department. The total value of permits issued amounts to Sixty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars ($63,579.00).

Building Permits Issued in the City of Melrose.

January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944.

Classification	No.	Cost
Garages	8	$ 2,725.00
Alterations to Dwellings	26	20,420.00
Other Alterations	8	5,800.00
Shingling	105	20,650.00
Fire Repairs	5	11,694.00
Convert to four family	1	1,800.00
Convert to two family	1	200.00
Hen House	1	200.00
Tool House	1	90.00
Demolition	3	
	159	$63,579.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Malcolm G. Fillmore
Malcolm G. Fillmore
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen,-

The Cemetery Committee hereby submits it's Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Because of a continuation of war conditions this Committee has adhered strictly to the retrenchment policy and only the most urgent repairs have been made to grass,avenues and other property.

During the year a new section of lots and a new section of single graves have been opened for sale. This follows the adoption of a new policy whereby lots and single graves will not be laid out in the same section.

Eight old lots were placed in perpetual care during the year, for which we received $1553.75. This amount,together with perpetual care moneys received from the sale of lots and graves made a total of $8720.75 for the year,which amount has been deposited in the Perpetual Care Trust Fund. On December 31st.of last year this fund contained $208,466.37.

Following the reorganization of the Cemetery Department the Committee found that there were many accounts in arrears of long standing. Many of these were for services rendered and where they were found to be uncollectible we have abated the charges and cleared our books. It appears that in the past,lots and graves were sold with little or no down payment and no form of agreement for payment of the balance. If there were no interments in such plots we have been able to either collect the balance due or take back the plot. In cases where interments were made it is impossible to legally seize the plot;in such cases we are obliged to keep the account open until such time as the plot is needed for an interment,when we demand full payment before an interment will be made. The title to any plot remains with the department until the full amount has been paid.

We have now adopted a policy of strictly cash in advance for all lot and grave sales and services so this condition will not exist in the future. Under certain conditions however,we will sell a lot on deferred payments,but demand a signed agreement for the payment of the balance.

The transportation problem is causing the Committee some concern. Our truck,which is now eight years old is in constant need of repairs. Spare parts in some cases are taken from an old retired truck and much of the labor is done by an employee of the department,although on some servicing we have to send it to a service station. This truck may last during the present year but there is a possibility that we shall be obliged to ask for a new one in the near future.

The Cemetery Committee wishes to thank the various officials of the city for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. McClintock
Arthur L. Young
Joseph Casey
Cemetery Committee.

March 1, 1945.

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
Year Ending December 31, 1944

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages:			
Appropriation	$13,500.00		
Cost of Living Increase	1,700.23	$15,200.23	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		2,500.00	
Water Rates		80.00	
Purchase of Loam:			
Appropriation	$300.00		
Order No. 6252	450.00	750.00	
Purchase of Signs and Markers		100.00	
Maintenance of Roads		100.00	
Car Rental, Superintendent		196.00	
Holidays: Order No. 5998	$398.24		
Cost of Living Increase	64.09	462.33	
WPA Project, Order No. 5374, from 1943		2,201.92	
			$21,590.48

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$13,497.05		
Cost of Living Increase	1,700.23	$15,197.28	
Maintenance: Other Expenses	$ 2,049.91		
Order No. 6252	450.00	2,499.91	
Water Rates		79.52	
Purchase of Loam		690.90	
Purchase of Signs and Markers		99.75	
Maintenance of Roads		50.38	
Car Rental, Superintendent		196.00	
Holidays: Order No. 5998	$395.62		
Cost of Living Increase	64.09	459.71	
			19,273.45

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1944:			
Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$ 2.95		
Maintenance: Other Expenses	.09		
Water Rates	.48		
Purchase of Loam	59.10		
Purchase of Signs and Markers	.25		
Maintenance of Roads	49.62		
Holidays	2.62	$ 115.11	
To 1945:			
WPA Project, Order No. 5374		2,201.92	$ 2,317.03

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:

Appropriations and Transfers	$21,590.48	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	9,102.38	
		$30,692.86

Departmental Expenditures:

From Appropriations and Transfers	$19,273.45		
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	7,629.52	$26,902.97	

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1944		115.11	
To 1945: Appropriation Accounts	$ 2,201.92		
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Acct.	1,472.86	3,674.78	
			$30,692.86

Total Net Cash Receipts	$24,635.59	
Receipts, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account, (Amount used for pay rolls and bills)	6,663.74	$31,299.33
Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	$19,273.45	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	6,663.74	25,937.19
Receipts over Expenditures		$ 5,362.14
Total Expenditures for Pay Rolls:		
From Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$13,497.05	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	6,404.96	
Cost of Living Pay Roll Increase	2,730.10	
Holidays	-396.62	
		$23,027.73

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1943	$ 1,687.61		
Income, 1944	6,448.99	$ 8,136.60	
Cost of Living Increase		965.78	$ 9,102.38
Pay rolls		$ 6,404.96	
Cost of Living Increase		965.78	
Bills		258.78	7,629.52
Balance to 1945			$ 1,472.86

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments:			
Department			$ 4,989.00
Foundations:			
Department			1,213.41
Sale of Lots:			
Department		$ 5,332.25	
City Collector		534.50	5,866.75
Sale of Graves:			
Department	$ 2,430.00		
City Collector	5.00	$ 2,435.00	
Refunds		70.00	2,365.00
Perpetual Care:			
Department	$ 8,701.75		
City Collector	49.00	$ 8,750.75	
Refunds		30.00	8,720.75
Annual Care:			
Department	$ 605.63		
City Collector	3.92	$ 609.55	
Refunds		3.87	605.68
Miscellaneous:			
Department			875.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1944			$24,635.59

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1944:

Interments:

Adults	247
Children, 12 years or under	22
Cremated remains	11
Total for 1944	280
Total number to January 1, 1945	13,664

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	30
Total number sold to January 1, 1945	2,382

Sale of Single Graves:

Sold during the year	115
Total number sold to January 1, 1945	3,712

Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,580
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	2,172
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1945, Regular, Sections D, H and 2	154
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1945, in Section 4	79
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	8

Respectfully submitted,

Howard O. Milton.

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, the Mayor and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1944.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library as custodians together with all securities, coupons and Savings Bank books. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan

City Auditor

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City, January 1, 1944 was:		
Real Estate		$36,660,450.00
Personal Property		2,733,300.00
Total		$39,393,750.00
Increase in valuation from January 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944		$ 34,050.00
Number of Dwellings January 1, 1944		5,885
Number of Polls January 1, 1944		9,195
Population		27,412
Rate of Taxation for each $1,000.00 of valuation, January 1, 1944		$ 29.60
Appropriations:		
City Budget	$1,292,646.79	
Revenue Orders	110,135.36	
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	12,302.59	$ 1,415,084.74
State Tax	$ 76,351.00	
County Tax	48,837.58	
Charles River Basin Tax	3,072.02	
Metropolitan Park Tax	8,890.69	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	29,159.69	
Metropolitan Water Tax	56,492.07	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	413.84	
Water to Saugus Tax	550.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,010.93	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	429.27	$ 226,207.09
Overlays for Abatements 1944		$ 18,051.80
State Underestimates 1943		10,906.18
		$1,670,249.81

FINANCES: (Cont'd)		
Less:		
State Overestimate 1943	113.50	
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Taxes	120,468.52	
Corporation Taxes	59,056.21	
Highway Distribution Tax	41,177.50	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	2,626.12	
City Accounts	263,000.00	486,441.85
Amount to be raised by taxation		1,183,807.96
To be raised as follows:		
9134 Polls @ $2.00 each	18,268.00	
Personal Property Taxes-Valuation $2,715,900.00 @ $29.60	80,390.64	
Real Estate Taxes-Valuation $36,660,450.00 @ $29.60	1,085,149.32	1,183,807.96

SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Purpose of Issue	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1944	Amount Issued 1944	Amount Paid 1944	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944
Schools	$129,000.00		$51,000.00	$ 78,000.00
Sewer	72,000.00		16,000.00	56,000.00
Surface Drainage	5,000.00		2,000.00	3,000.00
City Hall Alterations	3,000.00		3,000.00	00.00
	$209,000.00		$72,000.00	$137,000.00

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1944

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Revenue Cash		$292,604.72	Revenue Reserved:		
			Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 403.05	
Taxes:			Tax Titles and City Possessions	41,061.98	
Real Estate, Personal & Poll - 1943	3,585.77		Special Assessments	810.35	
Real Estate, Personal & Poll - 1944	69,296.72	72,882.49	Committed Interest	221.00	
			Departmental Accounts Receivable	10,492.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise		403.05	Water Rates	12,617.37	65,606.00
Assessments Added to Taxes:			Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts		17,687.13
Sewer	550.64		Library Department-Fines		3,311.54
Sidewalk	202.15		Police Department-Ambulance Fund		477.59
Street	57.56	810.35	Welfare Department-Federal Grants		7,479.56
			Sale of City Property		5,603.20
Interest:			Overlay Surplus		45,841.32
Committed 1943	27.54		Overlays for Abatements		10,622.30
Committed 1944	193.46	221.00	Deductions-For Purchase of Defense Bonds		1,374.40
			For Blue Cross and Blue Shield		443.00
Tax Titles		3,555.63	Deposit Accounts-Individual Walks		20.00
			Trust Funds and Trust Funds Income		
City Possessions		37,506.35	Accounts (In City Cash)		6,281.44
			Tailings		622.67
Accounts Receivable		10,492.25	Unexpended Balances		38,170.62
			Surplus Revenue		227,623.31
Water Rates		12,617.37			
State Underestimate-Metropolitan Sewer Tax		70.87			
		$431,164.08			$431,164.08

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1944 (CONT'D)

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS					
Sewer Assessments-Due 1945-1960	$ 32,077.29				
Sidewalk Assessments-Due 1945-1953	9,356.10				
Street Assessments-Due 1945-1953	9,821.84	$ 51,255.23	Apportioned Assessments-Not Due		$ 51,255.23
TRUST ACCOUNTS					
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Account	25,779.19		Deposited in Savings Banks	$ 25,779.19	
Post War Rehabilitation Account	300,000.00	325,779.19	Invested in U.S. "Series C & G" Savings Bonds	300,000.00	325,779.19
TRUST FUNDS - INCOME ACCOUNTS					
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund, Income Account	3,929.66				
A. C. Marie Currier Fund-Income Acct.	562.29				
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund-Income Acct.	112.60	4,604.55	Deposited in Banks		4,604.55
TRUST FUNDS					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	208,466.37				
Samuel McDaniels Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	100.00				
Cemetery Flower Fund	2,219.25				
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund	10,000.00				
100th Anniversary Fund	99.30				
Community Civics Fund	50.00				
Levi S. Gould School Fund	1,000.00				
N. F. Hesseltine Fund	100.00				
Bailey Library Fund	2,500.00				
Wm. E. Barrett Library Fund	75.00				
H. Nelson Perkins Library Fund	500.00				
Sarah E. Fitch School Fund	80.62				
Sarah E. Chever Sewall Woods Park Fund	1,500.00		Investments:		
A. C. Marie Currier Welfare Fund	24,546.48		Securities	$213,249.00	
Mary Baker Wing Memorial Award School Fund	169.89	251,406.91	Deposits in Banks	38,157.91	251,406.91

	Budget Appropri-ations	Revenue Orders	Credit Trans-fers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Trans-fers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:										
Contributory Retirement System:										
Pension Accumulation Fund		$23,801.00			$23,801.00	$23,801.00		$23,801.00		
Expense Fund		525.00			525.00	525.00		525.00		
Military Service Fund		195.36			195.36	195.36		195.36		
Aldermen:										
Salaries & Wages	$ 1200.00		$100.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00		
Other Expenses	1575.00				1,575.00	1,459.29	$96.34	1,555.63	$19.37	
Mayor:										
Salaries & Wages	4331.67	250.02			4,581.69	4,575.86		4,575.86	5.83	
Other Expenses	400.00				400.00	399.95		399.95	.05	
Study & Report of Payroll Classification for Employees of City				$800.00	800.00	27.19		27.19		$772.81
Committee on Public Safety			200.02	3568.02	3,768.04	2,597.06		2,597.06		1170.98
Rationing Board	1600.00				1,600.00	1,457.93		1,457.93	142.07	
Auditor:										
Salaries & Wages	4710.00		359.14		5,069.14	5,038.56		5,038.56	30.58	
Other Expenses	450.00				450.00	439.31		439.31	10.69	
Treasurer-Collector:										
Salaries & Wages	10930.68		1008.29		11,938.97	11,870.30		11,870.30	68.67	
Other Expenses	3500.00				3,500.00	3,178.05		3,178.05	321.95	
Land Court Procedure	150.00				150.00	105.79		105.79	44.21	
Certification of Bonds	300.00				300.00	160.30		160.30	139.70	
Assessors:										
Salaries & Wages	8250.00		909.70		9,159.70	8,918.23		8,918.23	241.47	
Other Expenses	1150.00				1,150.00	1,106.35		1,106.35	43.65	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: (Cont'd)										
City Clerk:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 6,443.34		$ 649.89		$ 7,093.23	$ 7,086.55		$7,086.55	$ 6.68	
Other Expenses	450.00				450.00	440.63		440.63	9.37	
Vital Statistics	375.00				375.00	330.67		330.67	44.33	
City Solicitor:										
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00		50.00		2,550.00	2,550.00		2,550.00		
Other Expenses	100.00				100.00				100.00	
Suits and Claims, Expenses	100.00				100.00	70.90		70.90	29.10	
Election and Registration:										
Salaries and Wages	5,230.00		476.68		5,706.68	5,475.93		5,475.93	230.75	
Other Expenses	3,200.00				3,200.00	3,198.59		3,198.59	1.41	
Engage 4 Additional Ass't. Registrars 1944				$ 369.19	369.19	300.00	$69.19	369.19		
Addt'l. Compensation for Asst. Registrars- Decennial Census 1945			800.00		800.00					$ 800.00
Purchase Materials and Supplies - Decennial Census 1945			69.19		69.19	59.85		59.85		9.34
Temporary Clerical Assistance - Decennial Census 1945			250.00		250.00					250.00
Planning Board:										
Other Expenses	125.00				125.00	68.75		68.75	56.25	
Fees for Consultants and Experts			1,500.00		1,500.00	500.00		500.00		1,000.00
Board of Appeal:										
Salaries and Wages	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Other Expenses	75.00				75.00	15.35		15.35	59.65	
Property Valuation Board:										
Other Expenses			207.33		207.33	3.00		3.00		204.33
Fence Viewers:										
Other Expenses	15.00				15.00				15.00	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: (Cont'd)										
Public Works:										
Salaries and Wages	$13,400.00	$	$ 888.71		$14,288.71	$13,793.27		$13,793.27	$ 495.44	
Other Expenses	800.00				800.00	793.11		793.11	6.89	
Vacations	4,500.00		533.73		5,033.73	4,833.45		4,833.45	200.28	
Holidays		3,000.00	326.04		3,326.04	2,523.01		2,523.01	803.03	
City Yard:										
Salaries and Wages	2,200.00		294.72		2,494.72	2,397.12		2,397.12	97.60	
Improvements	1,000.00		42.13	$ 138.44	1,180.57	554.94		554.94		$ 625.63
Engineers:										
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00		227.41		4,227.41	3,549.15		3,549.15	678.26	
Other Expenses	650.00		2,000.00		2,650.00	2,628.78		2,628.78	21.22	
New Car	1,350.00				1,350.00	1,327.25	$ 22.75	1,350.00		
City Hall:										
Salaries and Wages	3,550.00		406.15		3,956.15	3,908.10		3,908.10	48.05	
Other Expenses	5,000.00		1,520.61		6,520.61	5,880.97		5,880.97	639.64	
Memorial Building:										
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00		465.83		4,465.83	4,168.71		4,168.71	297.12	
Holidays		50.00	5.14		55.14	36.99		36.99	18.15	
Other Expenses	2,640.00				2,640.00	1,924.31		1,924.31	715.69	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	100,350.69	27,821.38	13,290.71	4,875.65	146,338.43	135,674.91	188.28	135,863.19	5,642.15	4,833.09
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY:										
Police Department:										
Salaries and Wages	75,000.00		6,676.06		81,676.06	77,478.86		77,478.86	4,197.20	
Equipment and Repairs	1,600.00				1,600.00	1,597.66		1,597.66	2.34	
Other Expenses	1,000.00				1,000.00	961.62		961.62	38.38	
Teletype	550.00				550.00	538.13		538.13	11.87	
Salary of Mechanician	200.00				200.00	200.00		200.00		
Two-Way Radio	2,600.00				2,600.00	15.60		15.60		2,584.40
Finger Print Equipment	300.00				300.00	299.97		299.97	.03	
Print Rules and Regulations	100.00				100.00	52.00		52.00	48.00	
Motor Vehicle Insurance	275.60				275.60	109.44		109.44	166.16	
Ambulance Fund				583.45	583.45	105.86		105.86		477.59

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY (Cont'd.)										
Fire Department:										
Salaries and Wages	$84,700.00		7,271.17		$91,971.17	$88,680.95	$500.00	$89,180.95	$2,790.22	
Salaries and Wages (1943)		$603.00			603.00	603.00		603.00		
Other Expenses	1,600.00		200.00		1,800.00	1,750.39		1,750.39	49.61	
Equipment and Repairs	2,300.00		57.00		2,357.00	2,347.97		2,347.97	9.03	
Repairs to Buildings	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,199.34		1,199.34	.66	
Fuel and Light	1,800.00		300.00		2,100.00	2,094.04		2,094.04	5.96	
Purchase New Hose	350.00				350.00	336.21		336.21	13.79	
Rental of Hydrants	10,020.00				10,020.00	10,020.00		10,020.00		
Two-Way Radio	500.00				500.00					$ 500.00
Reimbursement for Damage to Chief's Car			57.00		57.00		57.00	57.00		
Building Department:										
Salaries and Wages	2,400.00		200.00		2,600.00	2,600.00		2,600.00		
Other Expenses	175.00				175.00	174.46		174.46	.54	
Wire Department:										
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00		199.66		2,699.66	2,699.66		2,699.66		
Other Expenses	75.00				75.00	65.12		65.12	9.88	
Police Signal Maintenance	2,300.00		103.28		2,403.28	2,100.01		2,100.01	303.27	
Fire Alarm Maintenance	4,000.00		228.53		4,228.53	3,842.97		3,842.97	385.56	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:										
Salaries and Wages	1,200.00		100.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00		
Other Expenses	175.00				175.00	175.00		175.00		
Forestry:										
Care of Trees	5,000.00		275.98		5,275.98	3,284.07	$1,500.00	4,784.07	491.91	
Plant New Trees	330.00		40.96		370.96	370.96		370.96		
Dog Officer:										
Other Expenses	25.00				25.00				25.00	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF LIFE & PROPERTY	$ 202,275.60	$603.00	$15,709.64	$583.45	$219,171.69	$205,003.29	$2,057.00	$207,060.29	$3,549.41	$3,561.99

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
HEALTH AND SANITATION:										
Health Department:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 2,930.00	$ 200.00	$ 369.08		$ 3,499.08	$ 3,341.84	$ 150.00	$3,491.84	$ 7.24	
Other Expenses	600.00		50.00		650.00	630.21		630.21	19.79	
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	1,000.00		406.55		1,406.55	1,360.69		1,360.69	45.86	
Tuberculosis	9,000.00				9,000.00	5,913.44		5,913.44	3086.56	
School Physician, Salaries and Wages	300.00		248.00		548.00	548.00		548.00		
Inspection of Animals	500.00		79.16		579.16	579.16		579.16		
Inspection of Milk	800.00		63.33		863.33	863.33		863.33		
Inspection of Food	700.00		54.34		754.34	754.34		754.34		
School Nurses, Salaries and Wages	3,300.00		400.00		3,700.00	2,966.58		2,966.58	733.42	
Inspector of Plumbing	1,650.00		200.00		1,850.00	1,850.00		1,850.00		
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals	250.00				250.00		250.00	250.00		
Immunization of Dogs (Rabies)	200.00				200.00	143.45	56.55	200.00		
Sewer and Surface Drainage Division:										
Sewer and Surface Drainage Construction	8,500.00		508.01	$1,252.66	10,260.67	6,373.03	2,000.00	8,373.03	528.56	$ 1,359.08
Sewer Maintenance	3,000.00		226.48		3,226.48	2,501.06		2,501.06	725.42	
Southeast Sewer Connections and Private Sewer Connections - General	2,200.00		119.97		2,319.97	1,410.62		1,410.62	909.35	
Private Sewers	2,000.00		2,270.90		4,270.90	3,423.77		3,423.77	847.13	
Surface Drainage Maintenance	6,000.00		3,378.01		9,378.01	9,311.76		9,311.76	66.25	
Collection of Ashes	16,400.00		1,904.07		18,304.07	18,025.32		18,025.32	278.75	
Collection of Ashes, Tin Can Salvage Receipts				426.47	426.47		426.47	426.47		
Collection of Ashes, Purchase of Load Packer Body			2,700.00		2,700.00					2,700.00
Collection of Garbage	21,500.00		1,929.53		23,429.53	19,666.86	2,500.00	22,166.86	1262.67	
Street Cleaning	5,000.00		615.46		5,615.46	5,182.12		5,182.12	433.34	
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	$ 85,830.00	$ 200.00	$15,522.89	$1,679.13	$103,232.02	$84,845.58	$5,383.02	$90,228.60	$8944.34	$4,059.08

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:										
Repairing, Automotive Salaries and Wages and Other Expenses	$ 19,600.00		$ 3,630.20	$ 151.77	$23,381.97	$18,846.87		$18,846.87	$4,535.10	
Traffic Signs and Markers	500.00		51.53		551.53	540.96		540.96	10.57	
Construction	5,000.00			1,188.38	6,188.38	4.88	$2,475.00	2,479.88		$ 3,708.50
Improve Parking Space Rear of City Hall				247.93	247.93					247.93
Individual Walks	600.00		3,023.16		3,623.16	2,432.58	800.00	3,232.58	390.58	
Repair of Walks	3,000.00		79.92		3,079.92	1,911.44		1,911.44	1,168.48	
Continuous Walks	3,000.00		11,243.66		14,243.66	7,876.54	2,290.95	10,167.49	327.48	3,748.69
Snow Removal	10,000.00		3,994.21		13,994.21	12,581.98		12,581.98	1,412.23	
Purchase 6 Truck Snow Blades				2,998.00	2,998.00	2,490.00	508.00	2,998.00		
Street Lighting	34,500.00				34,500.00	34,089.93		34,089.93	410.07	
Automotive, New Equipment	1,450.00				1,450.00	790.86		790.86		659.14
TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	$ 77,650.00		$22,022.68	$4,586.08	$104,258.76	$81,566.04	$6,073.95	$87,639.99	$8,254.51	$ 8,364.26
PUBLIC WELFARE:										
General Administration	$ 5,200.00		$ 513.54		$ 5,713.54	$ 5,672.18	$	$ 5,672.18	$ 41.36	
Other Expenses	900.00				900.00	899.67		899.67	.33	
General Relief	23,000.00				23,000.00	19,578.67	1,800.00	21,378.67	1,621.33	
Old Age Assistance	85,000.00				85,000.00	84,091.77		84,091.77	908.23	
Old Age Assistance-Recovery Account				$4,159.88	4,159.88	180.97	3,815.95	3,996.92		$ 162.96
Old Age Assistance-Federal Grant			2,546.08	65,366.05	67,912.13	61,477.72		61,477.72		6,434.41
Old Age Assistance-Administration-Federal Grant			221.56	2,613.21	2,834.77	2,574.41		2,574.41		260.36
Aid to Dependent Children	11,000.00		1,800.00		12,800.00	12,800.00		12,800.00		
Aid to Dependent Children-Federal Grant				4,626.36	4,626.36	3,887.06		3,887.06		739.30
Aid to Dependent Children-Administration-Federal Grant			64.84	524.67	589.51	544.02		544.02		45.49
Physicians' Services-Welfare and Old Age Assistance Cases	1,641.60				1,641.60	1,605.50		1,605.50	36.10	
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	$126,741.60		$5,146.02	$77,290.17	$209,177.79	$193,311.97	$5,615.95	$198,927.92	$2,607.35	$7,642.52

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
SOLDIERS BENEFITS:										
General Administration, Salaries and Wages	$ 1,390.00		$ 198.53		$ 1,588.53	$ 1,568.53		$ 1,568.53	$ 20.00	
General Administration, Other Expenses	500.00		60.00		560.00	533.74		533.74	26.26	
Purchase of Desk and Chair			112.50		112.50	110.25		110.25	2.25	
Purchase of Photostat Machine			125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00		
Soldiers Relief	16,000.00				16,000.00	10,154.67	$ 60.00	10,214.67	5,785.33	
Military Aid	1,500.00				1,500.00	557.00		557.00	943.00	
State Aid	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,033.38		2,033.38	466.62	
Soldiers Burial	200.00				200.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
TOTAL SOLDIERS BENEFITS	$ 22,090.00		$ 496.03		$ 22,586.03	$ 15,182.57	$ 60.00	$15,242.57	$7,343.46	
EDUCATION:										
Salaries and Wages	$353,000.00		$ 32,266.59		$385,266.59	$385,264.95		$385,264.95	$ 1.64	
Textbooks and Supplies	14,000.00				14,000.00	13,967.77		13,967.77	32.23	
Other General Expenses	2,385.00				2,385.00	2,379.67		2,379.67	5.33	
Plant, Maintenance and Operation	46,000.00		399.66		46,399.66	42,783.86	$1,635.00	44,418.86	1,980.80	
Filling in Walks and Driveway-Front of High School Bldg.				$1,583.80	1,583.80	1,579.90		1,579.90	3.90	
State Teachers Retirement Fund-Military Service Credit			211.25		211.25					$ 211.25
TOTAL EDUCATION	$415,385.00		$ 32,877.50	$1,583.80	$449,846.30	$445,976.15	$1,635.00	$447,611.15	$2,023.90	$ 211.25
LIBRARIES:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 14,228.00		$ 1,443.07		$ 15,671.07	$ 14,864.33		$ 14,864.33	$ 806.74	
Books and Periodicals			3,904.96		3,904.96	3,301.57		3,301.57	603.39	
Fuel and Light	900.00		250.00		1,150.00	1,142.12		1,142.12	7.88	
Buildings and Janitor's Supplies	1,150.00		100.00		1,250.00	1,229.35		1,229.35	20.65	
Binding	500.00				500.00	403.68		403.68	96.32	
Other Expenses	700.00				700.00	596.93		596.93	103.07	
Fines Account				$4,661.54	4,661.54		$1,350.00	1,350.00		$3,311.54
TOTAL LIBRARIES	$ 17,478.00		$ 5,698.03	$4,661.54	$ 27,837.57	$ 21,537.98	$1,350.00	$ 22,887.98	$1,638.05	$3,311.54

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
RECREATION:										
Pine Banks Park	$ 3,000.00		$ 238.10		$ 3,238.10	$ 2,920.65	$ 270.15	$ 3,190.80	$ 47.30	
Pine Banks Park-1/2 Purchase Auto Dump Truck	600.00				600.00					$ 600.00
Park Department:										
General Administration:										
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00		1,378.11		5,378.11	5,147.28		5,147.28	230.83	
Other Expenses	435.00				435.00	393.55		393.55	41.45	
All Other Salaries and Wages	16,000.00		2,029.09		18,029.09	16,562.80		16,562.80	1,466.29	
All Other Expenses	4,000.00				4,000.00	3,972.22		3,972.22	27.78	
Holidays		$625.00	95.68		720.68	701.30		701.30	19.38	
Labor, Vacations and Insurance	1,000.00		138.71		1,138.71	1,115.76		1,115.76	22.95	
Rental of Office	900.00				900.00	900.00		900.00		
Mt. Hood Golf Maintenance and Operation			12,904.60		12,904.60	9,100.57	3,804.03	12,904.60		
Field House, Messenger's Meadows, W.P.A.				$ 50.00	50.00					50.00
Field House, Melrose Common, W.P.A.				48.49	48.49					48.49
Entrance Gate at Mt. Hood, W.P.A.				25.00	25.00					25.00
Recreation Building Operation			1,686.88		1,686.88	1,629.26	57.62	1,686.88		
Construction of Recreation Building-Ell Pond				2,811.71	2,811.71					2,811.71
Athletic Field Improvements	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,996.42		1,996.42	3.58	
Athletic Field, Maintenance and Improvement	1,600.00		77.42		1,677.42	1,665.25		1,665.25	12.17	
Parks and Playgrounds Projects W. P. A.				4,530.42	4,530.42					4,530.42
Fire Loss Receipts, Stillman House				818.00	818.00					818.00
New Bleachers-Athletic Field				186.15	186.15					186.15
Grading Hesseltine School Lot for Playground			800.00		800.00	556.16		556.16		243.84
Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts			3,861.65	28,225.48	32,087.13		14,400.00	14,400.00		17,687.13
TOTAL RECREATION	$33,535.00	$ 625.00	$ 23,210.24	36,695.25	$ 94,065.49	$46,661.22	$18,531.80	$65,193.02	$1,871.73	$ 27,000.74

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
CELEBRATIONS:										
Memorial Day:										
G.A.R.	$ 350.00				$ 350.00	$ 350.00		$ 350.00		
American Legion	250.00				250.00	247.48		247.48	$ 2.52	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	200.00				200.00	152.17		152.17	47.83	
Armistice Day:										
American Legion	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	100.00				100.00	81.25		81.25	18.75	
Fourth of July, Children's Entertainment	200.00		$ 36.34		236.34	226.34		226.34	10.00	
TOTAL CELEBRATIONS	$ 1,200.00		$ 36.34		$ 1,236.34	$ 1,157.24		$ 1,157.24	$ 79.10	
PENSIONS:										
Police Department	$ 2,200.00	$300.00	$ 800.00		$ 3,300.00	$ 3,300.00		$ 3,300.00		
Fire Department	4,550.00				4,550.00	4,550.00		4,550.00		
Public Works Department	12,000.00				12,000.00	11,290.68		11,290.68	$ 709.32	
TOTAL PENSIONS	$18,750.00	$300.00	$ 800.00		$19,850.00	$19,140.68		$19,140.68	$ 709.32	
UNCLASSIFIED:										
Portraits			$ 60.00	$ 65.00	$ 125.00	$ 60.00		$ 60.00	$ 5.00	$ 60.00
Rental of Memorial Hall:										
Y.M.C.A. - June 1944			50.00		50.00	50.00		50.00		
Y.M.C.A. - Dec. 1944			50.00		50.00	50.00		50.00		
Claims		$114.15			114.15	114.15		114.15		
Rental of Quarters:										
American Legion	$ 700.00				700.00	700.00		700.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	300.00				300.00	300.00		300.00		
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	7,600.00				7,600.00	7,455.41		7,455.41	144.59	
Rifle Practice, Co. M. 23rd Infantry, Mass. State Guard	175.00				175.00	66.88		66.88	108.12	
Print City Report	625.00				625.00	592.50		592.50	32.50	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	50,000.00		$100,000.00	$50,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00		200,000.00		
Revising, Codifying and Printing Ordinances				3,500.00	3,500.00					$3,500.00

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. Refunds & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1944	Balance to 1945
UNCLASSIFIED: (CONT'D)										
Rental of Memorial Hall:										
Public Organ Concert-January 1944		$ 35.00			$ 35.00	$ 35.00		$ 35.00		
Public Organ Concert-June 1944			$ 35.00		35.00	30.00		30.00	$ 5.00	
Boy Scouts of America-January 1944		50.00			50.00	50.00		50.00		
Publish Essential Features of State Audit 10/1/42-9/30/43		25.00			25.00	24.39		24.39	.61	
Cost of Living Increases 1944		80,213.61			80,213.61		$74,689.02	74,689.02	5,524.59	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	$59,400.00	$80,437.76	$100,195.00	$53,565.00	$293,597.76	$209,523.33	$74,689.02	$284,217.35	$5,820.41	$3,560.00
WATER DIVISION:										
Maintenance	$22,000.00		$ 4,083.41		$ 26,083.41	$ 22,814.45	$ 3,000.00	$ 25,814.45	$ 268.96	
New Meters	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,281.14		1,281.14	18.86	
Malden Water Rates	204.90				204.90	204.90		204.90		
Construction	7,000.00		188.85		7,188.85	4,097.13	2,700.00	6,797.13	391.72	
Inside Services	3,000.00		153.63		3,153.63	2,292.84		2,292.84	860.79	
TOTAL WATER DIVISION	$33,504.90		$ 4,425.89		$ 37,930.79	$ 30,690.46	$ 5,700.00	$ 36,390.46	$1,540.33	
CEMETERY:										
Maintenance:										
Salaries and Wages	$13,500.00		$ 1,700.23		$ 15,200.23	$ 15,197.28		$ 15,197.28	$ 2.95	
Other Expenses	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,049.91	$ 450.00	2,499.91	.09	
Holidays		398.24	64.09		462.33	459.71		459.71	2.62	
Water Rates	80.00				80.00	79.52		79.52	.48	
Purchase of Loam	300.00		450.00		750.00	690.90		690.90	59.10	
Signs and Markers	100.00				100.00	99.75		99.75	.25	
Maintenance of Roads	100.00				100.00	29.40	20.98	50.38	49.62	
Car Rental, Superintendent	196.00				196.00	196.00		196.00		
Surface Drainage, Grading, Road Building, Etc. W.P.A.				$ 2,201.92	$ 2,201.92					$2,201.92
TOTAL CEMETERY	$16,776.00	$ 398.24	$ 2,214.32	$ 2,201.92	$ 21,590.48	$ 18,802.47	$ 470.98	$ 19,273.45	$ 115.11	$2,201.92
Interest	$ 9,680.00				$ 9,680.00	$ 8,830.42		$ 8,830.42	$ 849.58	
Municipal Indebtedness	72,000.00				72,000.00	72,000.00		72,000.00		
County Dog Tax				3,459.00	3,459.00	3,295.80		3,295.80		163.20
Bills Payable			2,216.85		2,216.85					2,216.85

AGENCY TRUSTS	Assessors Warrants	Revenue Orders and Charges	Overestimates from 1943	Underestimates To 1945	Total Credits	Expenditures	Underestimates from 1943	Overestimates To 1945	Total Debits
State Tax	$ 76,351.00				$76,351.00	$ 76,351.00			$ 76,351.00
County Tax	48,837.58	$2,386.28			51,223.86	48,837.58	$ 2,386.28		51,223.86
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax		12,302.59			12,302.59	12,302.59			12,302.59
Charles River Basin Tax	3,072.02	175.25			3,247.27	3,072.02	175.25		3,247.27
Metropolitan Park Tax	8,890.69	672.83			9,563.52	8,890.69	672.83		9,563.52
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	29,159.69	309.35		$70.87	29,539.91	29,230.56	309.35		29,539.91
Metropolitan Water Tax	56,492.07	7,362.47			63,854.54	56,492.07	7,362.47		63,854.54
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	413.84		$113.50		527.34	413.84		$113.50*	527.34
Water to Saugus Tax	550.00				550.00	550.00			550.00
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,010.93				2,010.93	2,010.93			2,010.93
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	429.27				429.27	429.27			429.27
TOTAL AGENCY TRUSTS	$226,207.09	$23,208.77	$113.50	$70.87	$249,600.23	$238,580.55	$ 10,906.18	$113.50	$249,600.23

*Credited to Revenue 1944

FUNDS AND TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNTS (In City Cash for Expenditure)	Balance from 1943	Income or Deposits to City	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Expended	Paid to Funds	Total Debits	Balance to 1945
Memorial Hall:								
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund-Income		$ 400.00		$ 400.00		$ 400.00	$ 400.00	
Welfare:								
A. C. Marie Currier Fund-Income	$ 336.75	836.98		1,173.73	$1,060.17		1,060.17	$ 113.56
School:								
Levi S. Gould Fund-Income	446.49	20.00		466.49	23.86		23.86	442.63
N. F. Hesseltine Fund-Income	4.79	2.00		6.79				6.79
Community Civics Fund-Income	61.53	1.00		62.53				62.53
Library:								
Bailey Fund-Income	173.29	50.00		223.29	28.71		28.71	194.58
Wm. E. Barrett Fund-Income	266.28	1.50		267.78	122.90		122.90	144.88
N. F. Perkins Fund-Income	94.56	10.00		104.56				104.56
Lennie A. White Fund	118.84			118.84				118.84
Duplicate Fund	89.88	59.50		149.38	72.35		72.35	77.03
Park:								
S. E. Chever Fund-Income	377.10	30.00		407.10				407.10
Cemetery:								
Perpetual Care Fund-Income	1,687.61	6,448.99	$ 965.78	9,102.38	7,629.52		7,629.52	1,472.86
Flower Fund-Income	8.78	41.05		49.83	38.75		38.75	11.08
TOTAL FUNDS AND TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNTS	$3,665.90	$ 7,901.02	$ 965.78	$ 12,532.70	$8,976.26	$ 400.00	$9,376.26	$ 3,156.44

Account	Outstanding from 1943	Committed and Foreclosures	Refunds and Transfers	Tax Titles Taken and Adjustments	Total Charges	Collected	Abated and Apportioned	Added to Tax Titles	Adjustment Foreclosures and Disclaimers	Total Credits	Outstanding to 1945
Poll, Personal and Real Estate Taxes	$98,541.28	$1,184,445.00	$1,512.78	$ 2.00	$1,284,501.06	$1,194,537.85	$13,686.11	$3,394.61		$1,211,618.57	$72,882.49
Motor Vehicle Excise	698.21	30,535.11	109.72		31,343.04	30,185.51	754.48			30,939.99	403.05
Committed Interest	391.78	2,051.26			2,443.04	2,095.75	47.30	78.99		2,222.04	221.00
Tax Titles	8,544.97			3,898.04	12,443.01	6,203.02	250.00		$2,434.36	8,887.38	3,555.63
City Possessions	35,147.14	2,434.36			37,581.50	50.00			25.15	75.15	37,506.35
Accounts Receivable	8,658.82	116,882.10	25.00		125,565.92	112,770.85	2,302.82			115,073.67	10,492.25
Water Rates	12,581.75	102,116.47	276.85		114,975.07	101,852.22	505.48			102,357.70	12,617.37
Assessments:											
Sewers-Unapportioned		1,009.68			1,009.68		1,009.68			1,009.68	
-Deferred		1,732.97			1,732.97	1,732.97				1,732.97	
-Added 1942	98.71				98.71	98.71				98.71	
-Added 1943	846.01				846.01	490.23	73.49	231.47		795.19	50.82
-Added 1944		4,650.54			4,650.54	4,083.70	67.02			4,150.72	499.82
Sidewalk-Deferred		935.20			935.20	935.20				935.20	
-Added 1942	40.26				40.26	40.26				40.26	
-Added 1943	240.62				240.62	211.20	5.16			216.36	24.26
-Added 1944		1,917.66			1,917.66	1,734.58	5.19			1,739.77	177.89
Street-Deferred		1,039.80			1,039.80	1,039.80				1,039.80	
-Added 1942	21.65				21.65	16.35		5.30		21.65	
-Added 1943	191.96				191.96	186.66		5.30		191.96	
-Added 1944		2,712.87			2,712.87	2,655.31				2,655.31	57.56

Account	Balance from 1943	Receipts	Transfers and Assessors Warrant	Total Credits	Paid and Refunded	Transfers and Abatements	Total Debits	Balance to 1945
Petty Cash-Treasurer-Collector			$ 150.00	$ 150.00		$ 150.00	$ 150.00	
-Park			50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	
-Mayor			25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	
-Mayor-Public Safety			25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	
Temporary Loans		$400,000.00		400,000.00	$400,000.00		400,000.00	
Grants and Gifts, County Dog Tax		2,904.96		2,904.96		2,904.96	2,904.96	
Tailings Account	$ 621.93	.74		622.67				$ 622.67
Overlays for Abatements	23,041.23		18,051.80	41,093.03	6.00	30,464.73	30,470.73	10,622.30
Estimated Receipts:								
Departmental-Non-Committed		286,117.85	1,229.88	287,347.73	366.70	286,981.03	287,347.73	
Deposit Accounts:								
Private Sewers	225.00	2,930.00		3,155.00	3,155.00		3,155.00	
Individual Walks		2,025.00		2,025.00	2,005.00		2,005.00	20.00
Water Inside Services	105.00	2,528.00		2,633.00	2,633.00		2,633.00	
Overlay Surplus	29,312.70		16,528.62	45,841.32				45,841.32
Deductions For:								
Purchase of Defense Bonds	2,068.43	11,641.72		13,710.15	12,335.75		12,335.75	1,374.40
Victory and Withholding Taxes		77,903.33		77,903.33	77,903.33		77,903.33	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield		2,586.25		2,586.25	2,143.25		2,143.25	443.00
Cemetery Trust Fund-Receipts Account		8,750.75		8,750.75	8,750.75		8,750.75	
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves-Receipts Account		8,301.75		8,301.75	8,301.75		8,301.75	

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

January 31, 1945.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1944 follows:

The amount of fees received by the City Clerk for official services from January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944, inclusive, was as follows:

For recording marriage certificates	$ 496.00
For recording and indexing dog licenses	342.60
For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	86.25
For licenses to keep, store and sell gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	1,223.00
For copies of recordsm etc	256.01
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	510.74
For Miscellaneous Licenses	578.00
Total Receipts	$3,492.60
Less Refunds	343.00
Total Net Receipts paid into City Treasury	$3,149.60

The sum of $3,789.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:

For 947 Male Dogs at $2.00 each	$1,894.00
For 121 Female Dogs at $5.00 each	605.00
*For 646 Spayed Female Dogs at $2.00 each	1,290.00
Total Received for Dog Licenses	$3,789.00

*One spayed female dog license was issued without charge for Seeing-Eye Dog.

Of the above amount, $3,446.40 has been paid to the County of Middlesex and $342.60, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

The sum of $742.75 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses from January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 151 @ $2.00 each.....	$302.00
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 95 @ $2.00 each.....	190.00
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 57 @ $3.25 each.....	185.25
Resident Citizen Female and Minor Fishing licenses, 38 @ $1.25 each.....	47.50
Resident Citizen Minor Trapping licenses, 1 @ $2.25 each	2.25
Resident Citizen Trapping licenses, 3 @ $5.25 each.....	15.75
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses, 26 - free.	00.00
Resident Citizen Military or Naval Service Sporting licenses, 20 - free	00.00
Total.....	$742.75

Of the above amount, $656.50 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and $86.25, representing fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose Parents.....	233
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose Parents.....	182
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents.....	290
Total number of births recorded.....	705

Marriages Recorded

Both Parties Resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	58
Both Parties Resident and solemnized elsewhere in state.	16
One Party Resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	70
One Party Resident and solemnized elsewhere in state....	93
One Party Resident and solemnized out of state.....	16
Both Parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	5
Total number of marriages recorded.....	258

Deaths Recorded

Melrose Residents occurring in Melrose.....	234
Melrose Residents occurring elsewhere.....	91
Non-Residents occurring in Melrose.....	51
Total number of deaths recorded.....	376

The records of Melrose residents serving in the armed forces which have been maintained by this department since the beginning of the present war, have continued to prove their value, especially during the past year in enabling this city to give the fullest effect to the special procedures established to give those in service the opportunity to vote at the state (presidential) election held on Nov. 7, 1944, Of approximately 1,900 Melrose residents in service and having the qualifications for voting, ballots for this election were sent to 1,486.

The total number of names contained in the armed service records is now 3,382, which includes both those who were residents of Melrose at the time of entering service and those who were residents

of other communities at the time of entering, but whose families have since come to Melrose to reside.

Of those who were residents of Melrose at the time of entering service, 2,668 are now on active duty, 230 have been discharged and 43 have either been killed in action or have died while in service. Of those residing elsewhere at the time of entering service, 412 are now on active duty, 26 have been discharged and 3 have either been killed in action or have died in service.

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Raymond H. Greenlaw,
CITY CLERK.

REPORTS OF CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City Hall
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my reports as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

CITY TREASURER
CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1944

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1944	$ 288,493.32
Receipts, January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944	2,367,986.88
	$ 2,656,480.20
Payments January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944	$ 2,363,875.48
Balance Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1944	292,604.72
	$ 2,656,480.20

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Order No. 6003.....	$ 400,000.00
Notes Paid during 1944.....	400,000.00
Balance due in 1945.....	--- --
Rate of discount.....	.35%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944.....	$ 8,544.97	
Added during 1944.....	3,911.23	$ 12,456.20
Redemptions and Foreclosures.....	$ 8,900.57	
Balance December 31, 1944.....	3,555.63	12,456.20

FUNDS HELD BY CITY TREASURER

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Cash	Securities	Total
In fund January 1, 1944	$ 28,441.24	$ 171,930.00	$200,371.24
In fund December 31, 1944	23,472.37	184,994.00	208,466.37

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Securities matured or sold:			
C B & Q Rwy	$ 5,000.00		
Brooklyn Union Gas	5,000.00		
Pacific Gas & Elec	2,000.00		
Great Northern Rwy	2,000.00	$ 14,000.00	
City of Melrose: Collections		8,720.75	
Premiums on bonds sold		379.38	
Cash on hand January 1, 1944			
Savings Banks	$23,500.00		
Melrose Trust Co	4,941.24	$ 28,441.24	$ 51,541.37

Payments

Securities purchased:			
United States Govt Bonds	$ 2,000.00		
Boston Edison Co	5,000.00		
Lake Superior Power	3,000.00		
Cambria & Clearfield Rwy	1,000.00		
Los Angeles & Pacific Co	2,000.00		
Southern Pacific Rwy	2,000.00		
Brooklyn Union Gas	5,000.00		
Pacific Gas & Elec	5,000.00		
6 shrs Merchants Natl Bank, Boston	2,064.00	$ 27,064.00	
Premiums on bonds purchased		1,005.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1944			
Savings Banks	$20,500.00		
Melrose Trust Co	2,972.37	$ 23,472.37	$ 51,541.37

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1944	$ 112.50	
Income from Securities	6,645.36	$ 6,757.86

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased	$ 184.27	
Melrose Trust Co Box Rent	12.00	
City of Melrose	6,448.99	
Balance December 31, 1944	112.60	$ 6,757.86

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND

Brooklyn Edison Co	$ 2,000.00
Boston Edison Co	15,000.00
Wisconsin Power & Light	5,000.00
Luzerne County Gas & Elec	2,000.00
Lake Superior Dist Power Co	3,000.00
No. Indiana Public Service	5,000.00
Jersey Central Power & Light	5,000.00
Wisconsin Public Service	5,000.00
American Tel & Tel	4,000.00
Marion Reserve Power Co	2,000.00
Los Angeles Company	2,000.00
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	5,000.00
Brooklyn Union Gas	5,000.00
Public Service of N H	5,000.00
Southwestern Bell Tel	2,000.00
Central Vermont Pub Service	4,000.00
Central Maine Power	5,000.00
New York Edison	4,000.00
Pacific Gas & Elec	5,000.00
Toledo Edison	3,000.00
Atchison Topeka Rwy	6,000.00
Penn Rwy	8,000.00
Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy	5,000.00

Union Pacific Rwy	$ 5,000.00	
Cambria & Clearfield Rwy	6,000.00	
Hollidaysburg Bedford & Cumb Rwy	2,000.00	
New York Central Rwy	6,000.00	
So Pacific Rwy	5,000.00	
Boston Albany Rwy	8,000.00	
Atlantic Coast Line Rwy	3,000.00	
Boston Terminal Co	8,000.00	
Louisville & Nashville Rwy	7,000.00	
South Pacific Oregon Rwy	5,000.00	
U S Govt War Bonds	11,000.00	
100 shares First Natl Bank, Boston	3,875.00	
12 shares Merchants Natl Bank, Boston	4,044.00	
100 shares Natl Shawmut Bank, Boston	2,475.00	
34 shares Newton Trust Co	1,600.00	$ 184,994.00
Cash, Savings Banks & Trust Co		23,472.37
		$ 208,466.37

REPORT OF CURRIER FUND

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund December 31, 1944		$ 24,546.48
Securities:		
U S Government Treasury Notes 4½%	$ 15,000.00	
New York Central R R 4½%	2,000.00	
Louisville-Nashville R R 3-3/4%	1,000.00	
1 share Northern R R	100.00	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank	4,349.72	$ 24,546.48

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944	$ 497.92	
Income from Investments	907.35	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 836.98
Melrose Trust Co Box Rent		6.00
Balance December 31, 1944		562.29
	$ 1,405.27	$ 1,405.27

100TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance January 1, 1944	$ 97.35	
Interest	1.95	
Balance December 31, 1944		$ 99.30
	$ 99.30	$ 99.30

SARAH E. FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance January 1, 1944	$ 34.60	
Refunds	45.00	
Interest	1.02	
Balance December 31, 1944		$ 80.62
	$ 80.62	$ 80.62

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose 1944	$ 400.00	
Paid John C. F. Slayton Fund		$ 400.00
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund Amount - $75.

Income received	$ 1.50	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 1.50
	$ 1.50	$ 1.50

SARAH E. CHEVER FUND
(Sewell Woods Park)
Fund amount - $1500

Income received	$ 30.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 30.00
	$ 30.00	$ 30.00

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount - $500

Income received	$ 10.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 10.00
	$ 10.00	$ 10.00

LEVI S. GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $1000

Income received	$ 20.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 20.00
	$ 20.00	$ 20.00

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount - $2500

Income received	$ 50.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 50.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $100

Income received	$ 2.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 2.00
	$ 2.00	$ 2.00

COMMUMITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $50

Income received	$ 1.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 1.00
	$ 1.00	$ 1.00

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)
Fund amount - $2219.25

Interest received	$ 41.05	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 41.05
	$ 41.05	$ 41.05

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES
(Cemetery Department)

Balance January 1, 1944	$17,237.22	
Collections 1944	8,231.75	
Interest	310.22	
Balance December 31, 1944		$ 25,779.19
	$25,779.19	$ 25,779.19

CITY OF MELROSE

Rehabilitation Fund

U. S. Government Series G.....	$150,000.00	
U. S. Government Series C.....	150,000.00	
Accumulated Income.....	3,125.00	
Total in Fund December 31, 1944.....		$ 303,125.00
	$303,125.00	$ 303,125.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)
1 share Amer Tel & Tel Stock

Balance in fund January 1, 1944.....	$ 5.89	
Income Received.....	9.00	
Balance December 31, 1944.....		$ 14.89
	$ 14.89	$ 14.89

BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF MELROSE OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

and amounts maturing each year until paid

YEAR	SURFACE DRAINAGE	SCHOOL	SEWER	TOTAL
1945.....	$ 2000	$ 44000	$ 14000	$60000
1946.....	1000	34000	14000	49000
1947.....			14000	14000
1948.....			14000	14000
TOTALS....	$ 3000	$ 78000	$ 56000	$137000

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1944

Tax	1942	Personal.....	$ 52.06		
		Real Estate....	8,127.11	$ 8,179.17	
	1943	Polls.....	130.00		
		Polls Overlay..	2.00		
		Personal.....	562.32		
		Real Estate....	81,751.26	82,445.58	
	1944	Polls.....	12,440.00		
		Personal.....	79,847.48		
		Real Estate....	1,011,625.62	1,103,913.10	$1,194,537.85
Motor Vehicle Excise	1943.....			496.23	
	1944.....			29,689.28	
	1943 Interest.....			2.65	
	1944 Interest.....			17.17	30,205.33
Sewer Assessments, Apportioned.....				6,405.61	
Sidewalk Assessments, Apportioned.....				2,921.24	
Street Assessments, Apportioned.....				3,898.12	13,224.97
Collector's Receipts.....					816.98
Committed Interest	1942.....			46.42	
	1943.....			209.99	
	1944.....			1,837.08	2,093.49
General Interest	1942.....			593.48	
	1943.....			1,928.74	
	1943 Polls.....			3.22	
	1944.....			256.19	
	1944 Polls.....			18.74	
	1944 Assessments.....			21.24	2,821.61
Municipal Liens.....					366.00
Water	1940.....			9.00	
	1941.....			61.49	
	1942.....			529.43	
	1943.....			34,464.35	
	1944.....			66,787.95	101,852.22
Public Works Department:					
City Hall Rental.....				900.00	
Sale of Garbage.....				8,064.09	
Highway Repairing.....				139.22	
Individual Walks.....				19.40	
Planting New Trees.....				10.00	
Private Sewers.....				2,376.43	
Water Inside Service.....				1,878.69	
Water Maintenance.....				53.00	13,440.83
Public Welfare Department:					
Aid to Dependent Children.....				7,921.19	
General Relief.....				3,267.74	
Old Age Assistance.....				67,247.35	78,436.28
Fire Department:					
Hydrant Rental.....					10,020.00
Health Department:					
Quarantine & Contagious Diseases.....				98.50	
Tuberculosis.....				1,574.98	1,673.48

School Department:		
Rental Halls	155.51	
Tuition	3,675.03	3,830.54
Memorial Building		1,963.00
Police Department:		
Ambulance Fund		276.30
Cemetery Department:		
Annual Care	3.92	
Perpetual Care	49.00	
Sale of Lots & Graves	539.50	592.42
		$ 1,456,151.30

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

January 19,1945

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose,Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Dog Officer for the year of 1944.

Compl't received and investigated of barking dogs	17
Compl't received and investigated of vicious dogs	24
Compl't received and investigated of biting dogs	48
Other compl't received and investigated	11

Number of dogs licensed in Melrose as of 12/31/44
Males--947-----Females--121---Spayed--645 and one seeing eye dog license issued free.

Financial Statement

Appropriation for Dog Officer	25.00
Expended for investigation and other fees	- -
Total balance---	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

Louis B. Heaton

Louis B.Heaton,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Carl A. Raymond, Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1944.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of Four Companies, and are as follows. Engine Co. #1, Engine Co. #2, Engine Co. #3, Aerial Ladder Co. #1.

Personal

The permanant force of the Melrose Fire Department consists of Chief Engineer, Three Captains, Master Mechanic, Three Lieutenants, Twenty Nine Privates. The Call force consists of Two Privates.

Equipment

The equipment of the department consists of the following.

Chiefs car, Two, Seven Hundred and Fifty gallon Pumping Engines, One, Three Hundred and Fifty gallon Pumping Engine, Cities service Ladder truck, Aerial Ladder truck, Service and Emergency truck with full and complete rescue equipment, Lighting plant, Brush fire Wagon, Horse drawn sleigh. Each piece of Apparatus is fully equipped with fire fighting tools and all emergency appliances. In reserve the Department has Six Pumps and Six hose trailers that are fully equipped and are assigned to the Fire Auxiliary.

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	9950
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	4000
Number of feet of booster hose	2800

All hose is tested annually at 200 lbs. pressure.
Condemed hose in 1944 is as follows.

2½ inch hose, in feet	550
1½ inch hose, in feet	300
Booster hose, in feet	600

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	123
Total number of still alarms	275
Total number of emergency calls	131
Apparatus called out of City	25
False alarms	5
Total--	559

Apparatus called out of town to the following Towns and Cities.

Malden, number of calls	11
Wakefield, number of calls	9
Stoneham, number of calls	4
Everett, number of calls	1
Total--	25

Inspections

Number of Building Inspections	1972
Number of Oil Burner Inspections	185
Number of Gasoline tank Inspections	45

Fire Loss on Buildings and Contents

Number of Buildings damaged	29
Value of Buildings	$120,200.00
Loss on Buildings	27,099.50
Insurance on Buildings	152,000.00
Insurance paid on Buildings	27,099.50
Value of Contents	55,000.00
Loss on Contents	13,882.00
Insurance on Contents	55,000.00
Insurance paid on contents	13,882.00
Total Fire loss, Buildings and Contents	40,981.50
Assessed value of buildings in City	$ 32,583,300.00
Building fire loss	27,099.50

Equipment Used, Hose, Ladders, etc.

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid	20,850
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	9,550
Number of feet of ladders raised	3,154
Number of covers used	80
Number of gallons of chemical used	12
Number of pounds of foamite used	305
Number of pounds of CO2 used	87
Number of pounds of Dugas used	20
Number of feet of lighting plant cord	1100

Number of tanks of Oxygen used	22
Gas masks used	160 min.
Inhalator used	2 hrs. 16 min.
Towing chains used	2
Strecher used	2
Total pump operation	67 hrs.
Recharged Extinguishers	323

Special Work

Pump out cellers	16
To open locked doors	20
Remove cats from trees	19
Gas leaks	2
Refrigertor trouble	12
Water leaks	8
Faulty Oil Burners	5
Over flowed Oil Tanks	4
Drownings	2
Release child from washing machine	1
Remove and clear live wires	5
Heater trouble	8
Leaking Gasoline	3
Street accident	6
Suicides	1
Gas Inhalation	1
Heart cases	4
Replace and repair Flag pole ropes	22
Roof leaks	7
Remove birds from homes	2
Chimney inspections	4
Remove person to hospital	1
Thawing water pipes	5

Work Shop

The Departments repair shop has been very active at all times. The fire fighting apparatus and equipment is getting older and needs much more attention to keep it in perfect working order. Not only the repair and the maintainance of the fire fighting apparatus comes under this department but the maintainance of all of the fire fighting equipment is handled by the Master Mechanic. The repair and maintainance of all of the Civilian Defense equipment assigned to the fire department is also assumed by this department.

Fire Department Auxiliary

The Department has continued to drill and train the large group of Auxiliary Firemen. This group of men useing the Civilian Defense pumps worked many times this past summer during the dry season to maintain the water pressure thru-out the City. There assistance in maintaining this secondary water supply to the City of Melrose was greatly appriciated by the City officials.

Conclusion

I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to his Honor the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to the Police and other City Departments for there assistance and cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Fire Department.

To the officers and members of the Fire Department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney C. Field

Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

The work of the Law Department varies little from year to year as to volume. There are many more or less routine matters arising in the departments and many requests for opinions on different subjects. Conferences are held from time to time when the problems of the department are discussed.

During the year I have tried cases in the various courts and before the Tax Appeal Board. Considerable time has been spent in preparing a case for trial before the Appellate Tax Board which, if won by the appellant, could have a serious affect on the tax rate.

Land Court proceedings have been instituted, deeds drawn from the city to purchasers of land, suits brought against other cities in connection with welfare payments and the usual run of accident cases have arisen principally from falls on the public sidewalks.

The recodification of the Ordinances has been completed and the printed volume should soon be available. Mr. Greenlaw and myself have spent considerable time in connection with this matter during the year.

Since I have been Solicitor, there has been no expense incurred for outside counsel and the cost of running the Department has been kept at the very minimum. I have had excellent co-operation from the Mayor, heads of departments and city employees.

Respectfully submitted

Harry E. Cryan

CITY SOLICITOR

REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

February 1, 1945.

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The 35th Annual Report of the Park Commission is submitted herewith.

This report, which comprises the annual review by the Superintendent of the Department and the financial statement of the Department, shows in detail a complete resume of the operation, activities and expenses for the year 1944.

The Department has been operated with a reduced force. All equipment and property has been maintained in the best possible condition and some improvement in playground facilities has been accomplished.

Cooperation of the Superintendent and all members of the Department has been at a high level. We feel that it is because of this genuine interest that the results of the year's activity have been highly encouraging and in the best interests of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PARK COMMISSION

Warren Kittredge Chairman

1945 Annual Report

Winter Activities

The winter season which consisted of January, February and December of 1944, did not produce the average amount of skating days as in the past owing to weather conditions.

The following table gives the total good skating days enjoyed on each area:-

Ell Pond	25 days	- Hockey and Skating.
Ell Pond Rink	26 "	- " " "
Lincoln Play Area	32 "	- Skating Only.
Messenger's Play Area...	41 "	- " "
Common Play Area	41 "	- " "
Hesseltine Play Area....	41 "	- " "
Lebanon Play Area.....	36 "	- " "
Mt.Hood Pond No. 1	34 "	- " "
Mt. Hood Pond No.2	30 "	- Hockey Only.
Mt. Hood Pond No.3.....	30 "	- Hockey and Skating.

Due to labor shortage, no further winter activities such as Hockey Leagues, Tobogganing, Ski Jumping and Winter Carnivals were attempted and the Recreation Building was closed for the winter due to the fuel oil shortage.

Ell Pond Beach

Opened on June 26th and closed on August 26th and was operated under restricted conditions owing to our inability to employ competent Life Guards. The bathing area was fenced in and only bathing within this enclosure allowed between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. The attendance for the season was 5,981 and no charges were made and therefore no receipts.

Playground and Recreation

It was definitely felt that we might not be able to open the Playgrounds this season, due to our being unable to get help of any kind even after advertising for several weeks in the local paper. However, we finally contacted the High School and arranged a meeting with twenty of the young ladies from which seven of the most matured and capable were selected and the season opened

on the 26th of June and closed on September 1st after a successful season.

Playground Picnics

The Common had 47 children at their annual Picnic; Lincoln 28; Gooch and Lebanon 18 each; Messenger's 16 and Hesseltine 12. All were held at Pine Banks Park and for a full day each.

Pet Shows

During the week of August 21st each Playground held it's own Pet Show which is prior to the City-Wide Pet Show. These were very well attended by both the children with their pets and adults, and are held to stimulate the interest for the big City-Wide Show that is held on the Athletic Field near the end of the Playground season.

The City-Wide Pet Show seems to grow with more interest among the children each year - however, we would like to see the adult interest increased, especially with the parents and are seriously considering holding this event earlier in the season on a Saturday afternoon.

Twenty-six dogs, seventeen cats and twenty-miscellaneous pets entered and were judged on August 29th at 6:30 P.M. at the Athletic Field with an adult attendance of approximately 250 persons.

Handicraft Work

This part of our summer program was nearly eliminated owing to being unable to get competent Instructors but shortly after the season opened, we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jean Williams, who did a very commendable piece of work with the girls' division. No work was undertaken for the boys.

There were 278 articles made in the Handicraft work by the girls, 130 of which were made at the work-shop and the balance on the various playgrounds.

Soap Box Derby

As usual the Annual Soap Box Derby was held on Meridian Street on Saturday, August 26th and again due to a shortage of materials, especially wheels many boys were unable to prepare a Racer to enter the contest. There were eight entries and approximately 200 spectators.

Playground Talent Night

Each year we try to introduce some new feature for the children on the playgrounds; and this year a Talent Night was decided upon and proved very popular as well as successful and worth-while.

This was held at the Lincoln School Hall in the evening of August 30th and owing to the limited seating capacity had to be restricted to the parents and friends of the children. There were 30 acts on the program in which 26 children participated in taking part, such as singing, dancing, instrumental and novelty numbers with three young ladies acting as accompanists at the piano.

Hallowe'en Party

This holiday celebration was not held during 1942 and 1943 owing to black-out restrictions - but with the lights on again; it was decided to renew this celebration in the interest of organized effort to keep the children within bounds.

Over 300 were in the Parade in various types of Costumes and paraded to Memorial Hall from the four-sections of the City where over 1000 children and adults enjoyed a full evening of fun.

First came the Dunking Contest between Aldermen Black and Meharg; Chief Fields and Fred Lacey of the"Y" and then the Supt. of Public Works and Dr. Robinson; after which two hours of professional entertainment was given and prizes were awarded by Mayor Carl A. Raymond to the winners in the various Costumes in the Parade.

A Banner was donated by Mr. Lloyd Waring, Park Commissioner for the section of the City having the largest number of Costumes in the Parade, which was won by the East section or Washington-Ripley School area.

This proved a very successful evening and from reports from the police and others it was well-worth while - Bigger plans are in the making for the coming year.

Athletic Field

Only the minimum amount of maintenance work was put into the field this year, owing to labor shortage, but we did reclaim the section between the field and the High School. This area was graded and loamed over and it is our plan to finish this area in the spring, seed it in and have it for use by classes when school opens in

the fall of 1945; thereby taking some of the traffic from the main field.

Golf Course

The Golf Course season of 1944 must be considered quite successful in spite of conditions beyond our control. There were 18,311 rounds of golf this year against 16,856 in 1943 or an increase of 1455 rounds, slightly more than 8 percent.

Receipts for this year were $10,471.82 against $9,315.81 in 1943, a net increase of actual receipts of $867.62. These receipts came from the following sources:-

-Source of Revenue-	-1943-	-1944-
Memberships	$3,286.00	$ 2,590.00
Daily Fees	4,450.60	5,900.65
Locker Rentals	407.50	467.00
Transient Lockers etc.,	210.58	212.00
Hall Rentals	131.00	159.60
Fireplace Permits & Wood	35.25	63.54
Office Rental	794.88	790.64
Sale of Obsolete Tools & Equipt...	00.00	288.39
	$9,315.81	$10,471.82

War Salvage

One paper drive was held on the Playgrounds during the summer season, and although it was held shortly after a City Wide collection, we did collect 5,234 pounds of paper for salvage, one boy collecting 980 pounds. At the annual Playground Field Day a total of 901 pounds of tin cans were collected.

General Park Work

No improvements were made on any Park or Recreation areas, except a small section of the Horace Mann Park was regraded; and the easterly area of the Hesseltine Playground was cleared and graded, and in the spring of 1945 will be seeded so that it may be used as a baseball field; and give this section a much needed improvement.

Recommendations

Many improvements constantly come to mind, but most of them can and should be held for Post-war work.

However, I feel more small areas of approximately one acre each should be either acquired by the City by purchase or by some small rental charge for use for small children for play areas - so that children under 10 years of age may enjoy themselves under safe conditions, both in the summer and also during the skating season without too long a walk from their homes.

In closing I wish to publicly and sincerely thank Mayor Carl A. Raymond and every member of the present Park Board for their enthusiasm, support and helpful co-operation and spirit of understanding during the past year.

To the members of the Board of Aldermen and many other persons who assisted in our program as Judges of events etc., and for the co-operation of the heads of the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, please accept my sincere thanks for your help and co-operation.

I beleive each and every person working in the Park Department is to be commended for the way and manner in which they appreciated our difficulties and pitched in and did just a little more, and a little better, for which I personally soncerely thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Rogers, Supt., Clerk.

Activities Attendance Report

-Area-	-Participants-	Daily Average-Spectators
Common	4506	100
Gooch	1590	36
Hesseltine	2463	55
Lebanon	2702	60
Lincoln	5634	125
Messenger's	1968	44
Girls' Workshop	296	9
Annual Parade	300	* 1000
Hallowe'en Parade	300	* 3000
Talent Night	26	* 250
Soap Box Derby	8	* 200
Picnics	47	
Field Day	900	
Pet Show	63	* 250
Bathhouse	5981	
Tennis - Common	* 9000	
Tennis - Boulevard	* 15000	
Tennis - Lincoln	* 4000	
Tennis - Messenger's	* 500	
Skating- Lincoln	* 6400	
Skating- Common	* 6000	
Skating- Hesseltine	* 4100	
Skating- Messenger's	* 5000	
Skating- Lebanon	* 3600	
Skating- Ell Pond	* 12500	
Nights - Rink - Ell Pond	* 1000	
Mt. Hood Pond No. 1	* 7000	
Mt. Hood Pond No. 2	* 3000	
Mt. Hood Pomd No. 3	* 1500	
Hockey Rink-Practice-Games	* 468	* 1000
	105,852	5,700

Financial Statement

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Transferred from,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		900.00
		$ 4,900.00
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 4,669.17	
Unexpended Balance	$ 230.83	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 435.00
Expenditures:-		
Office Supplies	$ 192.50	
Printing	47.78	
Insurance	46.44	
Telephone	94.87	
Miscellaneous	11.96	
	$ 393.55	
Unexpended Balance	$ 41.45	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Refunds and Service Transfer		23.13
		$ 4,023.13
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Insurance	$ 120.72	
Labor Insurance	242.58	
Automotive Parts & Supplies	894.38	
Printing - Advertising	128.75	
Plygrd Supplies - Tennis Tapes	632.07	
First Aid - Disinfectant	25.40	
Plants - Seeds - Supplies	140.33	
Tools - Repairs	246.74	
Paint - Hardware - Lumber	188.20	
Telephone - Electricity	109.06	
Repair Buildings - Flags	446.84	
Fuel - Heat	218.17	
Water - Service	92.43	
Aggregate Materials	338.23	
	171.45	
	$ 3,995.35	
Unexpended Balance	$ 27.78	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 16,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$14,533.71	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,466.29	

Athletic Field - Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Expenditures:-		
Services and Insurance	$ 530.97	
Automotive	12.66	
Water	1.02	
Aggregate Materials	777.20	
Repairs	14.98	
Rentals	251.00	
	$ 1,587.83	
Unexpended Balance	$ 12.17	

Athletic Field - Development

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Aggregate Materials	$ 1,810.74	
Services and Rentals	178.48	
Advertising	4.25	
Lumber	2.95	
	$ 1,996.42	
	$ 3.58	

Bleachers - Athletic Field

Balance from 1943	$ 186.15
Same Carried to 1945	

Entrance Gate

Balance from 1937	$ 25.00
Same Carried to 1945	

Field House - Melrose Common

Balance from 1937	$ 48.49
Same Carried to 1945	

Field House - Messenger's Meadow

Balance from 1937	$ 50.00
Same Carried to 1945	

Fire Loss - Stillman House

Receipts from Fire Loss	$ 818.00
Same Carried to 1945	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation Transfer from,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 12,000.00
Refunds		59.09
		$ 12,059.09
Expenditures:-		
Services	$ 6,360.26	
Bonds and Insurance	171.78	
Printing and Advertising	77.17	
Golf Supplies	206.77	
Automotive Parts and Supplies	490.30	
Tools - Repairs - Equipment	599.45	
Aggregate Materials	160.95	
Water	1.25	
Seed - Fertilizer	60.16	
Laundry - Soap	126.97	
	$ 8,255.06	
To,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"	$ 3,804.03	

Holidays

Appropriation		$ 625.00
Expenditures:-		
Services and Insurance	$ 605.62	
Unexpended Balance	$ 19.38	

Labor Vacation & Insurance

Appropriation.....		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Vacation & Insurance.....	$ 977.05	
Unexpended Balance.....	$ 22.95	

Operation - Recreation Building

Appropriation Transfer from ," Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$1,500.00
Expenditures:-		
Services and Insurance.....	$ 671.72	
Advertising & Printing.....	24.09	
Janitor - Building Supplies.....	255.78	
Electricity.....	98.45	
Water & Service	107.69	
Fuel Oil	284.65	
	$ 1,442.38	
To,"Mt.Hood Park Receipts"...	$ 57.62	

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance from 1937.....	$ 2,811.71
Same Carried to 1945	

Rental - Office

Appropriation.....		$ 900.00
To,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts".....		790.64
		$ 109.36
Expenditures:-		
Office Quarters - Lights.....	$ 109.36	

W. P. A. Parks & Playgrounds

Balance from 1941.....	$ 4,540.42
Same Carried to 1945	

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK 1944

Cash on hand December 31, 1944 in the First National Bank, Savings Department, as shown by Pass Book #15223 with interest to September 5, 1944.....$825.78

Appropriations			
City of Malden			
Wages	$ 2,200.00		
Bills	1,000.00	$ 3,200.00	
Special appropriations for increased wages		200.00	
City of Melrose			
Wages	$ 2,238.10		
Bills	1,000.00	3,238.10	
Total appropriation both cities.			$ 6,638.10
Special appropriation for dump truck but not spent on account of the war-being unable to buy one			
City of Malden		$ 600.00	
City of Melrose		600.00	1,200.00
Expenditures			
Pay Rolls			
City of Malden		$ 2,192.71	
City of Melrose		2,033.54	
		$ 4,226.25	
Sundry Bills			
Telephone		49.02	
Electricity		14.15	
Insurance		121.53	
Taxes (Water)		38.80	
Auto Expenses		457.29	
Hardware & Supplies		270.33	
Feed & Grain for animals		211.63	
Coal, Fertilizer & Seeds		336,77	
Ice for drinking fountain		18.86	
Folding chairs for Log Cabin		87.50	
New Roof on Log Cabin		160.00	
New Toilet in Tool House		170.00	
Playground equipment		396.15	
Total expended both Malden and Melrose			6,558.28
Expended by Malden	$ 3,367.48		
Expended by Melrose	3,190.80		
Total		$ 6,558.28	
Unexpended Balances			
City of Malden	32.52		
City of Melrose	47.30	79.82	
Total appropriated Malden and Melrose		$ 6,638.10	

Robert A Hodgdon Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The work of the Planning Board has continued at a high level of activity for the year 1944. Meetings have been held regularly and definite accomplishment in the discharge of our duties can be reported.

Post War Public Works

Following a special assignment by Mayor Raymond, the Planning Board has made a study of the requirements and prepared a preliminary schedule of post war public works for Melrose.

The Board found that there is already a considerable accumulation of deferred public works which ordinarily would have been undertaken from year to year as necessary to the growth and progress of the City. These postponed projects, together with certain new improvements which seem very necessary to the development of Melrose, have been combined into a condensed schedule of proposed work, the total estimated cost of which amounts to $2,231,492.

The result of this study is contained in the "Report of the Planning Board Relative to Post War Public Works for the City of Melrose," dated August 30, 1944.

This report recommends that definite working plans, specifications, and contract documents be prepared for the projects in the schedule which would be the first to be undertaken. Such preparedness would permit the prompt execution of a program when it may be most needed and would insure well planned projects with a minimum of waste and confusion.

Ell Pond Park

The Planning Board has concluded its study of this area with a report on the subject dated September 8, 1944. This report discusses the methods which should be followed to stabilize the shore line, dredge the pond, fill and reclaim the swampy land so it will present a pleasing appearance and serve a useful purpose. A general plan for the future development of this area has been prepared to delineate the improvements that have been considered desireable and to illustrate the arrangement of the facilities as they are described in the report. A copy of this plan is included in the report.

The report urges that construction drawings and specifications for the entire development be prepared as

soon as is practicable so that the entire project, or any unit of it, can proceed without delay when the proper time comes.

Grade Crossings

The Planning Board has started a study of the railroad grade crossing situation in Melrose. There are four very active and dangerous locations which should be eliminated if such action is found to be practicable and feasible. It is expected that after the war there will be Federal funds available, to be administered by the State Department of Public Works, for this type of grade crossing elimination projects.

Conferences have been held with the State engineers who have examined the sites and are now making a study of the engineering features of the project.

Main Street Traffic

The congestion of traffic and the parking problem in the business section of Main Street has been a constant annoyance for several years. It is impossible to reconcile the free flow of motor vehicles, the safety of pedestrians, the convenience of shoppers, and the best interests of the merchants with circumstances as they now exist in this area.

Because it is expected that the post-war period will increase the volume of motor traffic and add to the confusion, the Planning Board is considering what steps can be taken to improve the situation.

The State Traffic Engineer has conferred with the Planning Board on this subject, he has examined the location and members of his staff have made a parking and traffic survey of the area in question. The report and recommendations resulting from this study have not yet been received.

Petitions

The residents of Laura Road made petition to the Planning Board requesting that the name of that street be changed. After due notice, a public hearing was held on April 13th, after which the Planning Board met and voted unanimously that the name of "Laura Road" be changed to "Mount Hood Terrace."

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PLANNING BOARD

By Edward P. Wells
Chairman

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 19,1945

Hon.Carl A.Raymond,
Mayor of Melrose,
Melrose,Massachusettts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances,I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Police Department,for the year ending Dec.31,1944.

Number of duty calls reported	48350
Number of telephone calls	9869
Number of wagon calls	0
Number of ambulance calls	438

Arrests for the year 1944
Crimes against the person

Robbery while armed	8 Males 1 Females
Assault and Battery	3 Males 0 Females
Total	11 Males 1 Females

Crimes against the property

Larceny	4 Males 1 Females
Breaking,Entering & Larceny	4 Males 0 Females
Larceny of bicycle	1 Males 0 Females
Damage to property	8 Males 0 Females
Total	17 Males 1 Females

Crimes against public order

Opr M.V.under influence	8 Males 0 Females
Motor Vehicle violations	11 Males 1 Females

Crimes against public order continued

Traffic violations	10 Males	0 Females
Non Support	11 Males	0 Females
Truancy	3 Males	2 Females
Escaped prisoner	1 Males	0 Females
Revocation warrants	1 Males	0 Females
Insane	10 Males	15Females
Viol of imigration laws	1 Males	0 Females
Viol of probation	8 Males	0 Females
Opr M.V.to endanger	4 Males	0 Females
Runaway	1 Males	2 Females
Drunkenness	45 Males	2 Females
Default warrants	6 Males	0 Females
Viol of city ordinances	12 Males	1 Females
Refused to supply food -traveller	1 Males	0 Females
Interupted a funeral procession	1 Males	0 Females
Total	134 Males	23Females

Miscellaneous work performed

Arrests on warrants	59
Arrests without warrants	144
Total	203
Males	168
Females	25
Minors	10
Delinquents	26
Residents	106
Non Residents	76
Insane males	13
Insane females	16
In court	369
Number of cases	325
Assisted in arrests	61
Accidents reports	197
Ambulance cases	338
Automobiles stopped and warned	1944
Automobiles tagged	285
Buildings found open	173

Miscellaneous work continued

Cases investigated	1766
Dead bodies found	4
Defective streets and sidewalks	51
Defective hydrants and pipes	2
Defective wires	22
Disturbances suppressed	97
Dogs killed	3
Fire alarms attended	119
Fire alarms given	14
Fires extinguished without alarm	6
Horses killed	1
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	34
Letters delivered	183
Lost children restored	70
Notices served	88
Sick and injured persons assisted	129
Street lights reported out	284
Street obstructions reported or removed	79
Summonses served	332
Visits to libraries	20
Water leaks reported	8
Traffic duty performed	15186
Special messages delivered	305
Extra duty performed	114
Dog bites reported	20
Dead animals reported	60
Vacant houses investigated	1611
Automobiles stolen	11
Automobiles recovered	18
Amount of property recoverd in city	9537.20
Amount of property stolen in city	6183.00
Lost property returned to owner	10355.20
Missing persons reported	18
Missing persons located	12
Gas leaks reported	2

Auxiliary Police Department

Our Auxiliary Police Department was fully organized September 12th,1941,for War Emergency purposes and is still an active vigorous organization with a full quota of three hundred members uniformed,trained and equipped for any emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis B. Heaton

Louis B.Heaton,
Captain in charge,
Melrose Police Department.

REPORT OF PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor and
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board herewith submits its annual report for the year 1944.

During the year the following lots of land were disposed of.

Lot No. 15,16 Bay State Road	$150.00
Lot No. 43 Derby Road	350.00

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Malcolm G. Fillmore

Norman D. MacDonald

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Frank W. Campbell, Chairman

Myrtie F. Seaverns, Treasurer

Willis M. Townsend, M. D.

Hugh Nixon

William L. Carney

Carita H. Lovejoy

Elsie M. Hatch, Librarian and Secretary

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 1944

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their report for 1944.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Campbell

Chairman.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

	Receipts	Unexpended Balance	Expenditures
Appropriations for:			
Salaries and Wages	$14,228.00	$ 806.74	$13,421.26
Books and Periodicals			
From receipts from dog tax $2,904.96			
From fines account 1,000.00			
	3,904.96	603.39	3,301.57
Other expenses	700.00	103.07	596.93
Fuel and Lights	1,150.00	7.88	1,142.12
Building and Janitor's Supplies	1,250.00	20.65	1,229.35
Binding	500.00	96.32	403.68
		$1,638.05	1,638.05
Unexpended Balance			
	$21,732.96		$21,732.96

FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Principal	Income			
		On Hand Jan. 1, 1944	Received	Expenditures	Balance Dec. 31, 1944
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	$ 500.00	$ 94.56	$ 10.00		$104.56
William Bailey Fund....	2,500.00	173.29	50.00	$ 28.71	194.58
William E. Barrett Fund	75.00	266.28	1.50	122.90	144.88
Lennie A. White Fund...	118.84				
Duplicate Library Fund.		89.88	64.83	72.35	82.36
	$3,193.84	$624.01	$126.33	$223.96	$526.38

FINES ACCOUNT

Held for the Public Library in the City Treasury Order of Board of Aldermen, June 4, 1934, No. 1856		
Balance January 1, 1944.....		$3,325.32
Receipts from fines in 1944 paid to City Treasurer monthly.....		1,336.22
Appropriations:		
Books and periodicals.....	$1,000.00	
Fuel and lights.....	250.00	
Building and Janitor's supplies.....	100.00	
Balance December 31, 1944.....	3,311.54	
	$4,661.54	$4,661.54

FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ARE TRUSTEES

	Principal	Income			
		On Hand Jan. 1, 1944	Received	Expenditures	Balance Dec. 31, 1944
Sarah A. Chever Fund...	$ 500.00	$ 73.11	$11.51		$ 84.62
Sarah E. Odlin Fund....	2,000.00	287.03	45.96		332.99
Jabez S. Dyer Fund.....	1,000.00	118.59	22.47		141.06
	$3,500.00	$478.73	$79.94		$558.67

In the latter part of 1943 the Trustees of the Public Library brought two petitions in the Supreme Judicial Court for instructions pertaining to funds received for the use of the Library under the wills of Sarah A. Chever and Mrs. Jabez S. Dyer. The Court in 1944 announced its decision that the Trustees of the Public Library are in effect trustees of these funds. The Court in its written opinion said in part:

> "In the present cases it is fair to presume that each of the testatrices, in making the bequest in question for the public charitable purpose, carefully considered the subject of administration and thought it wise to select for her board of trustees those public officers who have in their special charge the administration of the affairs of the library and the duty of superintendence thereof. In each of the present cases the testatrix could have given the bequest in trust directly to the city, in which case its treasurer would be entitled to the custody of the fund, but even then under the provisions of the charter above referred to (Melrose Charter, S.39) the trustees of the library would have the management and control of the library and the expenditure of the fund coming into the possession of the city for the benefit of the library. In the present cases, however, we are of opinion that the testatrices did not intend that the title to the respective legacies in question should vest in the city itself, but on the contrary selected the public officers, who for the time being should be the trustees of the library, to have title to the funds bequeathed and to administer the respective trusts in accordance with the terms of the bequests."

The decision of the Court in these two cases seems to be authority for the management and control by the Trustees of the Public Library of the fund under the will of Sarah E. Odlin by whose will the fund was left to the Trustees of the Public Library and not directly to the City.

To the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library:

War conditions have had their effect on the work of the Library. There are nearly 3,000 of our young men and many of our young women in active war service. Many more of our men and women are employed long hours in war work. There has been less time for reading. The result is that the circulation of books has been less than in normal times. It has been difficult to secure trained librarians to fill vacancies in the staff. The members of the staff have accepted and performed cheerfully increased duties. Some outside activities carried on in normal times necessarily have been omitted.

The Library's most essential duties, however, have been performed. The selection and purchase of the best books obtainable within the limit of the appropriation have been made. Books have been distributed regularly from the Library and the four branches. Reference and other information service have been furnished at the Library and by telephone. Work with the school pupils has continued. Classes from the grade schools have come to the Library and received instruction in the use of the catalogue and the Library. There have been story telling hours for the small children. State Reading Certificates have been awarded, and vacation reading clubs assisted. Help has been given to the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Library has continued to collect and deliver books and playing cards for men in the service; and magazines for the Boston Seaman's Friend Society.

The Melrose Camera Club held its yearly exhibit in the Library. The photographs were artistic, and attracted much attention.

Book Week was observed with a suitable selection of books.

Frequent use of the Library Hall has been made by many City organizations.

Necessary repairs have been made in the Library building.

Principal of such repairs have been in the roof drainage system.

The grounds have been kept in good order and attractive.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie M. Hatch

Librarian

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM OF STATISTICS

Name of Library	Melrose Public Library
City and State	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian	Elsie M. Hatch
Date of founding	1871
Population served	26,649
Assessed Valuation of City	39,376,350
Number of Agencies:	
Main Library	
Branches	4
Other agencies: School-rooms, Sanitarium	
Number of days open during year	330
Hours open each week, Main Library	69 (9 months) 66 (3 months)
Number of volumes at beginning of year	70,503
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,675
Number of volumes added by gift	62
Number of volumes withdrawn	1,730
Number of volumes at end of year	70,510
Circulation of books	153,968
Number of registered borrowers	11,445

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

March 15, 1945

Honorable Carl A. Raymond, Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending, December, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy M. Cushman
Roy M. Cushman, Chairman
Helen S. Campbell
Alice M. Fay
John W. Huse
Harry E. Dearborn

There is little to add in comment upon the work of the department for the past year beyond what the figures tell. Conditions of employment have continued good so that the relief rolls both in General Relief and Old Age Assistance are practically free of employable persons.

The General Relief roll is made up chiefly of single persons who, because of illness or old age (those not eligible for Old Age Assistance) are incapable of self-support. The increase in the cost of Old Age Assistance despite the drop in the number of persons receiving this type of aid is explained by the fact of the increase in the cost of living reflected in the state budget.

The net cost to the city, however, is somewhat less than the appropriation might indicate because Melrose was reimbursed by other cities and towns and by the Commonwealth for assistance given in previous years. This reimbursement amounted to $1359.31 from cities and towns and $77060.30 from the Commonwealth. Subtracting these figures plus receipts from Federal funds shows a net cost of the department to the City (including administration) of $46915.80.

Monthly Case Load

General Relief

	Single Persons	Families	Persons Represented
January	28	6	53
February	29	8	63
March	27	7	61
April	27	5	51
May	27	8	66
June	26	7	62
July	25	7	64
August	24	7	53
September	23	5	42
October	24	6	42
November	24	6	47
December	24	6	47

Monthly Case Load

Old Age Assistance

Month	Individuals
January	345
February	343
Mardh	346
April	334
May	330
June	326
July	322
August	322
September	315
October	315
November	310
December	316

Aid to Dependent Children

	Families	Children	Total Persons
January	18	45	63
February	20	53	73
March	20	53	73
April	20	53	73
May	20	53	73
June	20	53	73
July	19	52	71
August	20	54	74
September	20	53	73
October	17	43	60
November	16	39	65
December	16	40	56

TRUST FUNDS

A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund Income Account (In City Cash)

Balance - 1/1/44	$336.75	
Income paid to City of Melrose curing 1944	846.98	
Expended during 1944		1070.17
Balance on hand 12/31/44		113.56
	$1183.73	$1183.73

A. C. Marie D. Currier - Capital Account

Account in Fund December 31, 1944		$24,546.48
Securities:		
U. S. Government Treasury Notes 4⅛%..	$15,000.00	
New York Central R. R. 4½%.....	2,000.00	
Louisville-Nashville R. R. 3 3/4%1...	1,000.00	
1 Share Northern Railroad.....	100.00	
Malden Savings Bank.....	829.98	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank..	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank.....	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank.....	4349.72	24,546.48

	CITY				RECEIPTS FEDERAL			
	Budget Approp.	Revenue & Transfer Orders	Refunds	City Total	Receipts	Federal grant - 1943 balance	Federal Total	Total City & Federal
Salaries	5200.00			5200.00	2649.75	488.13	3137.88	8337.88
Other Expendes	900.00			900.00	51.71		51.71	951.71
General Relief	23000.00	-1800.00	648.30	21848.30				21848.30
Old Age Assistance	85000.00		2019.40	87019.40	*2546.08 63375.95	1990.10	67912.13	154931.53
Aid to Dependent Children	11000.00	+1800.00	138.96	12938.96	4241.31	385.05	4626.36	17565.32
TOTAL	125100.00		2806.66	127906.66	72864.80	2863.28	75728.08	203634.74

*Transfer from Old Age Assistance Recovery Account

EXPENDITURES

	City				Federal			
	Expenditures	Transfers	Unexpended Balances	City Total	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Federal Total	Total City & Federal
Salaries	5158.64		41.36	5200.00	2832.03	305.85	3137.88	8337.88
Other Expenses	899.67		.33	900.00	51.71		51.71	951.71
General Relief	22026.97	-1800.00	1621.33	21848.30				21848.30
Old Age Assistance	86111.17		908.23	87019.40	61477.72	6434.41	67912.13	154931.53
Aid to Dependent Children	11138.96	+1800.00	-	12938.96	3887.06	739.30	4626.36	17565.32
TOTAL	125335.41		2571.25	127906.66	68248.52	7479.56	75728.08	203634.74

Total Net Expenditures (Column 1 plus Column 5)

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS 1937 - 1944, INCLUSIVE

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Administration:								
(a) Salaries	5373.25	5296.03	4972.00	3887.12	4553.32	4489.20	6241.01	5158.64
(b) Other Expenses	869.43	998.15	1021.94	997.39	1397.28	999.58	898.25	899.67
Dependent Aid	68156.24	73228.12	87228.12	77823.19	74156.81	47300.24	25934.66	23026.97
Old Age Assistance	56736.54	59116.90	65966.38	65643.18	71779.73	78641.05	79926.00	86111.17
Aid to Dependent Children	15015.62	19329.26	21406.30	18308.06	20838.17	13891.39	11038.57	11138.96
Purchase of Auto		150.00						
Xmas Party for Needy Children	75.00	66.98	75.00	46.69				
Fed. Old Age Assistance	42612.29	45239.90	51369.47	58227.98	56385.58	63973.81	61407.61	61477.72
Fed. Aid to Dependent Children	4495.91	4001.14	4994.65	6853.69	5653.50	6104.28	4471.34	3887.06
Fed. Old Age Assis. Administration	1522.61	1686.50	1763.57	1978.65	1125.78	3111.66	1710.03	2396.73
Fed. Aid to Dependent Children Admin.			384.75	866.27	124.16	1446.04	1120.74	487.01
TOTALS	194856.89	209112.98	239174.18	234632.22	236014.33	219957.25	192748.21	193583.93

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The forty-fourth annual report of the Public Works Department is herewith submitted.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, for your understanding help and co-operation during these trying times when it has been so difficult to do all that is necessary and expected of this department.

CO-OPERATION

During the course of the year we have had business relations with most city departments, and in every instance the spirit of co-operation has been most genuine. From the realistic side this co-operation is paying off in dollars and cents to the city.

EMPLOYEES

The employees of the department have shown a fine sense of responsibility, co-operation and unceasing effort in carrying out the problems of a much undermanned department. Effective recognition of the income problems of the hourly paid employees has definitely helped to make him a better worker. There still exists, however, some unbalanced situations which I believe will be given consideration.

HIGHWAYS

No highway construction was done this year. Maintenance has been limited to patching holes and surface treatment. All surface treatment was done with tar and asphalt covered with fine stone and rolled. Indications are that this type of surface, while costing a little more than the former sand covered method, will last twice as long. Spreading stone by use of a spreader box not only does a more satisfactory job than the hand spreading method, but also costs considerably less.

SIDEWALKS

Unit costs not being too high, some new sidewalks were built this year by contract. Due to labor shortage sidewalk maintenance has been restricted principally to emergency work and critical situations. There is a large amount of this work which should be done just as soon as possible.

SEWER AND SURFACE DRAINAGE

Some surface drainage, but practically no sewer construction has been done. Activity on house connections has kept up well.

The purchase of flexible sewer rod equipment has helped very materially our sewer maintenance problem. It

operates faster, more economically and is much cleaner and less hazardous from the point of operation. With the addition of sand cups we will be able to use this equipment to clean the sand and gravel from our surface drains many of which are badly filled.

Survey work has been completed and the plans are being prepared for submission to the State for their approval of a trunk line sewer extension servicing the area from Goss Avenue and upper Swains Pond Avenue north and easterly to Ardsmoor and Sheffield Roads.

WATER

As in previous years extra heavy use of water at times has caused serious supply situations and May 31st of this year was no exception. To improve this condition in the vicinity of Birch Hill Road and Webster Avenue the main from Meridian Street to Birch Hill Road on Beech Avenue was increased from 6" to 10" pipe.

To further correct this situation of heavy usage, and also as an added insurance in case we should lose our main supply via Ravine Road, we have arranged a connection located in the triangle at the junction of Washington and Pleasant Streets with the Metropolitan low pressure main which, with the assistance of two of the Civilian Defense pumps operated by the Fire Department, is not only able to supplement low pressure areas during periods of heavy drawing but will also carry the city load with Ravine Road completely shut off, should such an emergency arise. Much credit for the development of this improvement is due to the splendid co-operation of Arthur Harrington of the Metropolitan District Commission.

CITY YARD IMPROVEMENTS

Another section of the repair shop and one garage stall has been provided with a cement floor. This eliminates hazard to working under motor equipment and also facilitates the work. More of this type of improvement is still needed.

The garbage ramp has been surfaced which now provides a very practical transfer from our trucks to those of the contractor without mechanical means.

EQUIPMENT

Six new snow plows have been received and a sand loader which improves materially our facilities for handling winter street condition.

An automobile was purchased for the use of the Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works.

Several of the trucks are in very poor condition and repairing is becoming increasingly difficult. We are indeed fortunate in having an exceptional man to keep this equipment moving.

ASHES-GARBAGE-STREET CLEANING

We have on order a "load packer" body which will facilitate and improve our ash and rubbish collections.

While we were not able to add any facilities for garbage collection this past year, additional hours were worked which improved the collection somewhat.

Street cleaning has been very much neglected due to shortage of men and this situation affects the filling up of catch basins.

TREES

A limited number of requested trees were set out last spring, but tree maintenance has been limited principally to spraying and bugging.

We have had no regular tree men who could take down large, dangerous trees and could secure only very limited outside assistance. There still remain some large trees, damaged by recent wind storms, which must be taken down.

CITY HALL

Heating at City Hall and the adjacent garage has been done with soft coal of varying qualities and results are not too satisfactory.

Insulating the ceiling above the offices in the northwest corner of the building has provided noticeably good results.

The roof over the Aldermanic Chamber was renewed on account of leaky conditions.

The Aldermanic Chamber walls and ceiling were repaired and re-painted and changes in the committee rooms were made.

SERVICE MEN

Of the fourteen Public Works men who went into the Armed Services four have returned and are working for the City again.

Respectfully submitted,

Engineer & Superintendent of
Public Works.

WATER DIVISION 1944.

337	Linear feet of new mains laid.
3	New services installed.
2	Leaks in main line repaired.
2	Additional hydrants set.
3	New meters installed.
6	Additional gates set.
5	Joints in mains repaired.
36	Services renewed in street only.
10	Services renewed in private land.
42	Services renewed in street and private land.
4	Services abandoned.
137	Old meters replaced with new.
154	Old meters discarded.
120	New meters purchased.
301	Meters repaired.
10	Frozen meters repaired.
180	Services turned off for repairs and vacancy.
64	Service boxes raised or reset.
494	Hydrants inspected.

6392	Number of water services.
6269	Number of water services, active.
6356	Number of meters in service.
494	Number of city hydrants.
6	Number of private hydrants.
1	Number of drinking fountains.
27	Number of fire services (23 active).
1200	Number of gates on mains.

1	Number of gates repaired.
10	Number of gates raised and cleaned.
3	Number of hydrants replaced.
20	Number of hydrants repaired.
6	Number of hydrants frozen.
10	Number of dead ends flushed.
10	Number of services repaired in private land
8	Number of services repaired in street.
30	Number of services cleaned.
3	Number of meters removed for test.
324	Number of special meter readings.
93	Number of emergency service leaks handled.
7	Number of leaks reported, main line.
5	Number of gates replaced.

WATER CONSTRUCTION

	CAST IRON PIPE (cement lined) Size	Lin. ft.	GATES Size	No.	HYDRANTS Size	No.
Pleasant Street, Auxiliary Supply	10"	177	10"	1	6"	2
Forest Street at Hunt Terrace (on hydrant)			4"	1		
Montvale Avenue, Ryder Ave. to #9	2"	150	2"	1		
Sanford Street, west of Cutter Street (on hydrant)	6"	6	6"	1		
Goodyear Avenue, #78 (on hydrant)			6"	1		
Goodyear Avenue, #78 (on hydrant)	10"	4	10"	1		
		337		6		2

WATER MAINTENANCE

Pleasant Street, Auxiliary Supply			10"	1		
Beech Avenue, Meridian to Birch Hill Road	10"	691	10"	2		
Whitman Avenue at Beech Avenue			8"	1		
Beech Avenue at Meridian Street	10"	19	10"	1		
Forest Street at Hunt Terrace					6"	1
Sanford Street west of Cutter					6"	1
Goodyear Avenue opposite # 178					6"	1
Ainsworth Place	1"	18 (copper)				
Goss Avenue near Harold Street					6"	1
		710		5		4
		18 (copper)				

TOTAL LENGTH OF WATER PIPE IN CITY.

Size in Inches	Length in Feet
3/4	956
1	1,323
1½	1,511
2	8,559
4	46,485
6	216,646
8	32,942
10	32,914
12	26,223
14	12,464
16	3,024
	383,338 lin ft.

Summary:
There are 383,338 linear feet or 72.60 miles of water mains in the City.

SURFACE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION

Location	Type of Construction Kind of Pipe	Size	Feet	Number Manholes	Number Catch basins
Forest Street-Naples Rd. to Spear	Akron	15"	154	2	2
Lovell Road- corner Damon Avenue					2
Lynn Fells Parkway-at Melrose St. Brook	Transite	16"	104		
Prospect Street & Standish Road	Concrete	12"	582	4	2
			840	6	6

In Addition:
56' of 12" pipe was lowered of the Beech Ave. to Staples Street drain;
5' of 15" Upham Street drain was repaired; 650 catch basins were cleaned.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE

Location	PIPE Size	PIPE Length	Number Manholes
Beach Street - Washington St. to Aaron Street (started 1943, completed 1944)	8"	72'	1
Park Street - No. Forest Street to Meridian	8"	52'	
		124'	1

In Addition:
11 Main sewer blocks repaired; 42,100 ft. main sewers were cleaned;
32 private sewer connections laid; 165 private sewer connections were cleaned; 3 private sewer connections were repaired and relaid.

SEWER SYSTEM as of DECEMBER 31, 1944

Size & Kind of Pipe			Length in Feet
6	inch	Akron	138,757
8	"	Akron	118,436
10	"	Akron	21,947
12	"	Akron	14,744
15	"	Akron	6,175
18	"	Akron	11,691
20	"	Akron	2,788
20	"	Brick	111
24	"	Akron	213
24	"	Brick	28
24	"	Akron (double strength)	1,771
24	"	Iron	24
18 x 20		Brick	3,035
		Total	319,720

Total length of sewers in City 319,720 lin. ft. or 60.55 miles. Included in this total are 2.40 miles owned and controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but used by the City of Melrose

IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEM
as of
December 31, 1944.

Size and Kind of Pipe			Length in Feet
6	inch	Iron	280
8	"	Akron	1,341
10	"	Akron	7,885
10	"	Iron	442
10	"	Cement	119
12	"	Akron	49,149
12	"	Iron	1,055
12	"	Cement	3,842
15	"	Akron	20,515
15	"	Cement	747
16	"	Akron	284
16	"	Iron	1,348
16	"	Transite	104
18	"	Akron	9,243
18	"	Iron	1,213
18	"	Cement	1,238
20	"	Akron	6,503
20	"	Iron	556
24	"	Akron	3,076
24	"	Cement	2,585
24	"	Iron	524
30	"	Iron	1,222
30	"	Cement	2,857
36	"	Cement	94
36	"	Iron	1,537
42	"	Iron	568
48	"	Iron	68
		Brick conduit	659
		Concrete conduit	14,951
		Total	134,005

Concrete culverts 14; Manholes 570;
Catch basins 982.
Total length of drains 134,005 lin. ft.
or 25.38 miles

CONTINUOUS WALKS

LOCATION		Granolithic Walks sq. ft.	Drives	Sodding sq.ft.
East Street (W.side)	Enmore Road to Porter Street	2581.70	745.2	1365
Melrose Street (N.side)	Vinton Street to # 235	1250.25	316.5	927
Derby Road (E.Side)	Waverly Place to Kingsley Ave.	2526.85	686.2	1350
First Street (N.side)		373.50	89.3	190
Porter Street (S.side)	Ardsmoor Road to Sheffield Rd.	1083.90	433.7	900
Maple Road (W.side)	Warwick Road southerly	2095.45	589.7	1832
Conant Road (both sides)	Baxter Street northerly	1725.05	623.8	1316
Damon Avenue (N &E sides)	from Cochrane Street	2402.65	642.0	1615
Argyle Street (w.side)		347.50	89.3	150
	Totals	14386.85	4215.4	9645

In connection with this 525.7 linear feet of edgestone
and 14 corner blocks were laid

In addition:
2831.6 sq. ft. of sidewalks and 426.6 sq. ft of driveways were repaired.

INDIVIDUAL WALKS

109	Conant Road	67.50		60
61	Cochrane Street	233.35	158.8	176
66	Cochrane Street	295.00	142.4	232
31	Cochrane Street	532.45		400
31	Sunset Road	273.40	104.6	216
30	Sunset Road	1198.00	144.2	860
239	Melrose Street	286.40	113.0	275
235	Melrose Street	260.75	117.0	248
296	Porter Street	326.05	103.7	260
40	Glen Street	252.50	92.1	168
	Totals	3725.40	975.8	2885

In connection with this 177 linear feet of edgestone
and 6 corner blocks were laid.
In addition: 296.1 sq. ft. of driveways, 10 corner blocks and
2 sq. yds hot top were used for 9 new driveways.

HIGHWAY REPAIRING
ASPHALT RESURFACING * 1944

Appleton Street		1450	sq.	yds.
Beech Avenue	Lebanon-Swains Pd. Ave	6566	"	"
Bellevue Avenue	Upham St. to L. F. Pkwy	7210	"	"
East Street		3115	"	"
W. Emerson Street	Railroad to Line	8211	"	"
Essex Street		3250	"	"
E. Foster Street	Main to Larrabee	3544	"	"
Franklin Street	Railroad to Line	10040	"	"
Grove Street	Main to Lebanon	4400	"	"
Lebanon Street	Malvern St. to Line	16833	"	"
Lynde Street		5738	"	"
Marvin Road		2400	"	"
Pleasant Street		1000	"	"
Porter Street	Main to East St.	7820	"	"
Reading Hill Avenue		1928	"	"
Tremont Street	Melrose to L.F. Pkwy	3583	"	"
Upham Street	Waverly Ave. to East	990	"	"
Vinton Street	L.F.Pkwy to Warwick	4106	"	"
Warwick Road	Vinton St. to Dyer	1040	"	"
Waverly Avenue	East half of street	1710	"	"
W. Wyoming Avenue	Main to Cleveland	7167	"	"

TAR RESURFACING

Botolph Street	Franklin to York Ter.	900	sq.	yds.
Greenwood Street		4200	"	"
W. Highland Avenue		4020	"	"
Leeds Street		640	"	"
Melrose Street	Ashland St. to Warren	8530	"	"
Orris Street	Vinton to Walton Pk.	2600	"	"
Stevens Road		1840	"	"
Walton Park	Orris to Franklin	1955	"	"
York Terrace		1500	"	"

STATISTICS

CITY OF MELROSE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population, January 1, 1944	27,412
Number of Voters	14,272
Greatest extent of the city, east and west	2.95 miles
Greatest extent of the city, north and south	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	$36,660,450.00
Valuation of Personal Property	$ 2,715,900.00
Tax Rate, per thousand	$29.60
Area of City:	
Land ..... 3,079.50 acres	
Water .... 35.50 acres	3,115 acres
Length of Public Streets	58.07 miles
Length of Private Streets	15.97 miles
Length of water mains	72.60 miles
Length of sewer mains	60.55 miles
Range of pressure on mains	100-23 lbs.
Number of 1000 lumen incandescent lights	1049
Number of 2500 lumen incandescent lights	45
Number of 6000 lumen incandescent lights	65
Number of luminous Arcs, all night -63 to midnight -18	81
Number of Automatic Traffic Signals	6

Area of Parks:

Bowden Park	.62 acres
Colby Park	.90 acres
Horace Mann Park	.60 acres
Lebanon Street Playground	.95 acres
Lincoln School Playground	1.60 acres
Melrose Common	4.40 acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground	2.89 acres
Middlesex Fells	170.0 acres
Mt. Hood	225.0 acres
Pine Banks Park	81.80 acres
Sewall Woods Park	9.0 acres
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50 acres
Ell Pond Park	34.41 acres

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall -61 ft. above mean tide

Elevation, Franklin Square - - 85 ft. above mean low tide

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CITY OF MELROSE

1944.

Water Construction.

Budget	$ 7000.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	188.85		
		$ 7188.85	
Less - B.of A. Orders		2700.00	
			$ 4488.85
Expended:-			
Meters Set		87.37	
Services		160.87	
Main Line-			
Beach Avenue	869.95		
Forest Street	86.76		
Goodyear Avenue	217.94		
Ireson Court	230.96		
Montvale Avenue	646.20		
Pleasant Street at Washington Street	1694.56		
Sanford Street	102.52		
		3848.89	4097.13
		Balance	391.72

Cost of Water System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1944	1056994.68	
Expended - 1944	4097.13	
Cost of System to January 1, 1945		1061091.81

Inside Services & Charges Working Account.

Budget	3000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	153.63	
		3153.63
Expended:-		
Labor	1330.78	
Material, trucks & overhead	962.06	2292.84
	Balance	860.79

Inside Services & Charges
Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Due - January 1, 1944	$ 77.61	
Committed 1944	2337.60	
		$ 2415.21
Less:-		
Receipts - 1944		1631.29
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1945		783.92

Inside Services & Charges
Deposits & Refunds.

Balance from 1943	105.00	
Deposits	2528.00	
		2633.00
Expended:-		
Cost of Work	1992.27	
Refund	640.73	2633.00

New Water Meters.

Budget	1300.00	
Credits from other accounts	30.00	
		1330.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		1311.14
	Balance	18.86

Water Rates
City of Malden.

Budget	204.90
Expended:-	
Invoices	204.90

Water Maintenance.

Budget	$22000.00		
B.of A. Orders	2000.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	2083.41	$ 26083.41	
Less - B.of A. Order		3000.00	$ 23083.41
Expended:-			
Overhead Expense	2838.43		
Less-Credits by Receipts	-3258.02		
Net Credits		-419.59	
Material-			
Stock Labor	432.01		
Purchases	3722.45		
	4154.46		
Less-Credits by Receipts	-4937.83		
Net Credits		-783.37	
Hydrants		1351.01	
Main Line		1276.61	
Meters-			
Read	5026.49		
Remove & Repair	3058.91		
		8085.40	
Services		8523.09	
Relay-			
Beach Avenue		4781.30	22814.45
		Balance	268.96

Highway Repairing.

Budget		$ 18000.00	
B.of A. Orders		2500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts		914.62	
			$ 21414.62
Expended:-			
Overhead Expense	$ 1734.33		
Less - Credits by Receipts	-2580.85		
Net Credit		-846.52	
Material-			
Purchases	998.24		
Less-Credits by Receipts	-305.94		
		692.30	
Guard Rail & Fencing		217.57	
Minor Repairs		760.18	
Street Resurfacing		10411.82	
Street Signs & Numbers		1546.00	
Tar Curbing		1945.70	
Tar Patching		4049.58	
Minor Charges		25.33	
Repairs by Streets-			
Cochrane Street	30.00		
Clifford Street	12.28		
Mount Hood Walks & Road	38.38		
Sherwood Road	9.01		
Swains Pond Avenue	248.17		
Waverly Avenue	178.20		
		516.04	19318.00
		Balance	2096.62

Traffic Signs & Markings.

Budget	500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	51.53	
		551.53
Expended:-		
Labor	432.02	
Stock, trucks & overhead	67.29	
Invoices	41.65	540.96
	Balance	10.57

Highway Construction.

Budget	$ 5000.00
Less - B.of A. Orders	5000.00

Summary of Net Expenditures
Highway Construction.

B.of A. Orders from Highway Construction General Account.

Or.#5550 - Conrad Road	4.88

Automotive-Salaries & Wages.

Budget	$ 800.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	209.53	
Receipts from use of Equipment	2413.35	
		3422.88
Expended:-		
Payrolls		2589.24
	Balance	833.64

Automotive Other Expense.

Budget		800.00	
Receipts:-Gas Tax Refund		93.51	
R/P Insurance		58.26	
Cost of Living		6.05	
Use of Equipment		9661.22	
			10619.04
Expended:-			
Repairs & Parts		1932.75	
Gasoline		2750.15	
Supplies		287.36	
Oil, grease & alcohol		607.01	
Tires & tubes		1001.20	
Battery care		198.75	
Tools		289.50	
Garage rent		144.00	
Heat, light & bldg. maintenance		1025.51	
Insurance		617.02	
Telephone		66.61	
Sundries:-Registration	$ 56.00		
Inspection	10.25		
License	1.00		
Stationery etc.	4.58		
Flags	6.12		
Advertising	13.25		
Carfare	.40		
Water Rates	2.74	94.34	9014.20
		Balance	1604.84

Summary of Automotive Accounts.

Receipts from Use		$ 12441.92
Expended:-		
Salaries & Wages	$ 2589.24	
Other Expense	9014.20	11603.44
Net Credit above cost of operation		838.48

Purchase 6 Truck Plows.

Balance 1943	2998.00	
Less - B.of A. Order	508.00	
		2490.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		2490.00

Purchase of New Car Engineers.

Budget	1350.00	
Less - B.of A. Order	22.75	
		1327.25
Expended:-		
Invoices		1327.25

Purchase of New Equipment.

Budget		1450.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		790.86
	Balance	659.14

Purchase of Load Packer Body.

B. of A. Order #6278	2700.00
None Expended.	

City Yard Salaries & Wages.

Budget	$ 2200.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	294.72	
		$ 2494.72
Expended:-		
Payrolls	2361.46	
Liability insurance	35.66	2397.12
	Balance	97.60

City Yard Improvements.

Balance 1943	138.44	
Budget	1000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	42.13	
		1180.57
Expended:-		
Labor	392.16	
Stock, trucks & overhead	58.50	
Invoices	104.28	554.94
	Balance	625.63

Street Lighting.

Budget		34500.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		34089.93
	Balance	410.07

Snow Removal & Sanding.

Budget	10000.00	
B.of A. Order	3000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	994.21	
		13994.21
Expended:-		
Plowing	2265.46	
Removal	3681.49	
Sanding	5424.96	
Overhead	1124.29	
Sundries	85.78	12581.98
	Balance	1412.23

Public Works - Cost of Living Payroll.

Apportioned from General Appropriation		14025.22
Expended:-		
Payrolls		14025.22

Insurance.

Budget	$ 7600.00	
Receipts	.96	$ 7600.96
Expended:-		
Invoices		7456.37
	Balance	144.59

Holidays.

Tax Levy	3000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	326.04	3326.04
Expended:-		
Payrolls		2523.01
	Balance	803.03

Vacations.

Budget	4500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	533.73	5033.73
Expended:-		
Payrolls		4833.45
	Balance	200.28

Pensions.

Budget	12000.00
Expended:-	
Payrolls	11290.68
Balance	709.32

Sewer and Drain Construction.

Budget		$ 8500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts		445.46	
		8945.46	
Less - B.of A. Orders		2920.00	$ 6025.46
Expended:-			
Overhead-			
Expense	$ 2396.13		
Credit by Receipts	-2596.34		
Net Credit		-200.21	
Material-			
Purchases	1830.10		
Credit by Receipts	-1434.53	395.57	
Drains-			
Damon Avenue	350.21		
Forest Street	812.09		
Naples Road	378.87		
Prospect Street	1734.63		
Standish Road	2025.74		
		5301.54	5496.90
		Balance	528.56

Summary of Net Expenditures - Sewer and Drain Construction.

Or.#5815a Beach Street	870.40	
6208 Wentworth Road	5.73	
General Account	195.36	
Net Expenditure		1071.49

Cost of Sewerage System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1944	1170850.52
Expended 1944	1071.49
Cost of System to January 1, 1945	1171922.01

Private Sewers - Working Account.

Budget	2000.00	
B.of A. Orders	2205.96	
Cost of Living Receipts	64.94	
		4270.90
Expended:-		
Labor	2222.44	
Stock, trucks & overhead	1201.33	3423.77
	Balance	847.13

Private Sewers - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944	$ 266.34	
Committed 1944	3468.58	
	3734.92	
Abated	- 20.31	$ 3714.61
Less-		
Receipts 1944		1706.57
Accounts Receivable January 1, 1945		2008.04

Private Sewers - Deposits.

Balance	225.00	
Deposits	2930.00	
		3155.00
Expended:-		
Refunds	581.20	
Cost of Work	2573.80	3155.00

Sewer Maintenance.

Budget	3000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	226.48	
		3226.48
Expended:-		
Labor	1936.83	
Stock, trucks & overhead	564.23	2501.06
	Balance	725.42

Sewer Connections - General Account.

Credits from used connection	22.99
No expenditure	
Balance	22.99

Sewer Connections -
South East Section.

Budget	$ 2200.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	119.97	
		$ 2319.97
Expended:-		
Labor	877.57	
Stock, trucks & overhead	556.04	1433.61
	Balance	886.36

Cost of Surface Drainage System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1944	623822.88	
Expended 1944	5301.54	
Cost of System to January 1, 1945		629124.42

Surface Drainage Maintenance.

Budget	6000.00	
B.of A. Orders	2500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	878.01	
		9378.01
Expended:-		
Labor	7175.25	
Stock, trucks & overhead	2126.20	
Invoices	10.31	9311.76
	Balance	66.25

Continuous Walks.

Budget	$ 3000.00		
B.of A. Orders	11000.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	131.31		
		$14131.31	
Less - B.of A. Orders		-12901.34	
			$ 1229.97
Expended:-			
Overhead-			
Expense	1124.72		
Credit by Receipts	-253.33	871.39	
Material-			
Purchases	9531.17		
Credit by Receipts	-9495.62	35.55	
Granolithic-			
Expense	5.75		
Credit by Receipts	-9.75		
Net Credit		-4.00	
Sodding Expense-	840.42		
Credit by Receipts	-840.87		
Net Credit		-.45	902.49
		Balance	327.48

Summary of Net Expenditures - Continuous Walks by Orders.

#5524	Argyle Street	153.91
6153	Cochrane Street	884.18
5496	Conant Road	893.71
6153a	Damon Avenue	247.38
5578	Derby Road	1350.06
5050	East Street	1274.31
6104	First Street	243.67
5051	Maple Road	1021.91
5592	Melrose Street	964.62
6168	Porter Street	1231.25
		8265.00

Individual Walks - Working Account.

Budget	600.00		
B.of A. Order	3000.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	23.16		
		3623.16	
Less - B. of A. Order		800.00	
			2823.16
Expended:-			
Labor		194.87	
Stock, trucks & overhead		2237.71	2432.58
		Balance	390.58

Individual Walks - Deposit Account.

Deposits		$ 2025.00
Expended:-		
Refunds	$ 669.82	
Cost of Work	1335.18	2005.00
	Balance	20.00

Individual Walks - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable January 1, 1944	19.40	
Committed 1944	1342.63	
		1362.03
Less - Cash Receipts 1944		19.40
Accounts Receivable January 1, 1945		1342.63

Repair of Walks.

Budget	3000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	79.92	
		3079.92
Expended:-		
Labor	670.54	
Stock, trucks & overhead	1135.03	
Invoices	105.87	1911.44
	Balance	1168.48

Plant New Trees.

Budget	330.00	
Cash Receipt	10.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	40.96	
		380.96
Expended:		
Labor	348.24	
Stock, trucks & overhead	20.72	
Invoices	12.00	380.96

Care of Trees.

Budget	$ 5000.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	275.98		
		5275.98	
Less - B. of A. Order		1500.00	
			3775.98
Expended:-			
Payrolls		2289.60	
Stock, trucks & overhead		481.30	
Invoices		513.17	3284.07
		Balance	491.91

Collection of Ashes & Rubbish.

Budget	$16400.00	
B. of A. Order	426.47	
Cost of Living Receipts	1477.60	
		$18304.07
Expended:-		
Ash Collections	11302.12	
Paper Collections	4172.98	
Level Dump	1960.70	
Liability Insurance	322.23	
Ash Schedules & Delivery	210.75	
Sundries	56.54	18025.32
	Balance	278.75

Collection of Ashes - Salvage Receipts.

Receipts (Tin Can Collections)	426.47
Less - B. of A. Order	426.47

Collection of Garbage.

Budget	$21500.00		
Cost of Living Receipts	1929.53		
		$23429.53	
Less - B. of A. Orders		2500.00	
			20929.53
Expended:-			
Labor		15428.11	
Stock, teams & overhead		3337.70	
Invoices		901.05	19666.86
		Balance	1262.67

Collection of Garbage - Accts Rec.

Committed	8736.17
Cash Receipts	8736.17

Street Cleaning.

Budget	5000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	615.46	
		5615.46
Expended:-		
Labor	4202.21	
Stock, trucks & overhead	701.41	
Invoices	278.50	5182.12
	Balance	433.34

Public Works - Salaries & Wages.

Budget	$13400.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	888.71	
		$14288.71
Expended:-		
Payrolls	8738.78	
Supt. Salary	5050.00	
Liability Insurance	4.49	13793.27
	Balance	495.44

Public Works Other Expense.

Budget		800.00
Expended:-		
Supplies	211.68	
Stationery & Printing	167.68	
Postage	85.15	
Telephone	181.00	
Office Machine Service	81.90	
Desk Lamps	42.14	
Technical Books	10.16	
Membership & Subscriptions	13.40	793.11
	Balance	6.89

Engineers Salaries & Wages.

Budget	4000.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	227.41	
		4227.41
Expended:-		
Payrolls	3518.03	
Liability Insurance	31.12	3549.15
	Balance	678.26

Engineers Other Expense.

Budget	650.00	
B.of A. Order	2000.00	
		2650.00
Expended:-		
Hired Engineers	1991.87	
Use of Car	480.00	
Supplies	149.21	
Recording	3.76	
Prints	1.44	
Advertising	2.50	2628.78
	Balance	21.22

City Hall Salaries & Wages.

Budget	$ 3550.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	406.15	
		$ 3956.15
Expended:-		
Payroll	3858.76	
Liability Insurance	49.34	3908.10
	Balance	48.05

City Hall - Other Expense.

Budget	5000.00	
B.of A. Order	1500.00	
Cost of Living Receipts	20.61	
		6520.61
Expended:-		
Supplies	457.93	
Alterations & Repairs	1918.17	
Gas	44.08	
Electricity	1586.21	
Fuel	1298.91	
Telephone	150.37	
Towel Care	90.62	
Ice	60.00	
Insurance	102.95	
Fill Flower Urn	50.00	
Water Rates	94.40	
Flags & Repairs	24.51	
Coin Lock - Public Toilet *	2.82	5880.97
	Balance	639.64

* - 1944 Coin Lock Receipts $7.05

City Hall Parking Space.

Balance 1943	247.93
None Expended	

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1945.

To His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is the report of the Registrars of Voters for the year 1944.

During the year the Registrars performed the duties required of them by law, including the following:

Listing of persons twenty years of age or older
Compilation of jury list for the year 1944
Preparation, revision and correction of annual register of voters
Determination of qualifications and certification of persons desiring appointment as election officers.
Certification of names of persons signing nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at primaries and elections and of initiative and referendum petitions.

The lists of persons twenty years of age or older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1944, made by the registrars of voters, contained names to the following number:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1
1,282	1,389	1,540	1,765	1,267	1,329	1,308	1,421	1,390

5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
1,629	1,544	1,206	999	1,154	650	19,873

There were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law, lists containing the names of all male persons included in the above lists, to the following number:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1
582	627	731	808	558	613	541	654	642

5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
751	726	551	476	551	327	9,138

The total number of all persons found by the Registrars to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1944, was as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1
1,706	1,885	2,142	2,415	1,726	1,850	1,747	1,989	1,926

5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
2,253	2,041	1,693	1,400	1,683	956	27,412

Continuance of the extraordinary conditions arising from the existing state of war and the duties required of the Registrars incident to the conducting of the Presidential Primaries, State Primaries and State Election combined to make the past year by far the most active in the history of the Department.

The practice of obtaining an up-to-date military service record of Melrose residents serving in the armed forces in conjunction with the annual listing was continued. Records of 2,763 Melrose residents were thus obtained and transmitted to the City Clerk for incorporation in the records being maintained by that department.

To provide the maximum opportunity for those desiring to register as voters to do so, registration sessions were held every day, except for the periods prescribed by law preceding primaries and elections when no applications for registration may be received. In addition, fifteen evening sessions were held, including one session in each ward of the city preceding the state election. A total of 2,440 names were add ed to the general and current annual registers of voters at these sessions.

During the two week period from July 24th to August 5th, the Registrars conducted sessions each day and evening, except saturday afternoons and Sundays, for the purpose of receiving applications, under authority of the special state soldier-voting acts, from kindred of members of the armed forces for ballots for the state election to be sent to such members and for the qualifications for voting as such as had not duly registered as voters.

The names of 736 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death and other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of voters included in the current annual register of voters, revised and corrected as of December 31, 1944, was

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2
1,108	1,105	1,315	1,425	1,033	1,036	1,026	1,253

5-1	5-2	6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	Total
1,120	1,108	1,151	1,020	814	885	559	15,958

In addition to the above, 584 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces have been qualified, either by direct application or by application of kindred, for voting at elections at which absent voting is permitted, making a total voting strength of 16,542.

The ratio of duly registered voters to population in 1944 was 58.22% and of all voters, including qualified service voters, was 60.35%.

Signatures of persons signing nomination papers of candidates to be voted for the Presidential and State Primaries and the State Election, and of initiative and referendum petitions, were certified as being those of duly registered voters to the number of 3,442.

The names of 1,759 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the state election (including 1,468 members of the armed forces from, or in whose behalf, applications for official state war ballots were received) were certified as being duly registered or qualified voters of the City of Melrose.

On the days when the Presidential Primaries, the State Primaries and the State Election were held the Registrars were in continuous session during the hours when the polls were open and, after the polls were closed, assisted the City Clerk in tabulating the results.

Following the State Primaries a recount was made of the votes cast for the Republican nomination for the office of State Treasurer and, following the State Election, a recount was made of the votes cast for the office of Attorney General.

Questionnaires were sent to 493 persons appearing to have the qualifications for jury service and, from the replies submitted, a jury list for the year beginning July 1, 1944, was compiled consisting of 385 names.

The total number of sessions of the Registrars of Voters for the year 1944 was 60.

The sum of $234.50 was received for 479 copies of the street lists sold during the year.

Fergus W. Griffin
Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman

Charles E. Holt
Charles E. Holt

Edward J. Murphy
Edward J. Murphy

Raymond H. Greenlaw
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

February 28, 1944

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its eighth annual report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan, Chairman

[signature], Secretary
Board of Retirement

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CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31, 1944

Amount of ledger assets December 31, 1943				$149,196.70
Members contributions credited to their accounts in the Annuity Savings Fund:				
Regular contributions,	Group I	$9,852.49		
	Group II	2,391.40	$12,243.89	
Voluntary Additional Contributions	Group I		77.96	
Re-deposits	Group I	195.98		
"	Group II	29.43	225.41	
Appropriation by the City for, Pension Accumulation Fund:				
Accrued Liability		16,247.00		
Normal Liability		7,554.00		
Expense Fund		525.00	$24,326.00	

REPORT OF RETIREMENT BOARD

INCOME

Interest received:			
Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less $456.66 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year:	$6, 121.90		
Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks	36.00	6,157.90	
Special fund for military service credit		195.36	
Gross profit on sale of ledger assets, Bonds		1,046.92	
Gross increase by adjustment, of ledger assets:			
Bonds	11.05		
Stocks	1487.50	1,498.55	45,771.99
Total Available Receipts			$194,968.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity payments:			
Regular; Group I	$ 314.49		
Group II	11.05	325.54	
Ordinary and accidental disability; Group I		153.74	
Pension Payments:			
Prior Service; Group I	8,378.27		
Group II	1,847.10	10,225.37	
Ordinary and accidental disability; Group I		3,261.17	
Refunds:			
Contributions:			
Group I	2,374.27		
Group II	191.66	2,566.93	
Interest:			
Group I	10.09		
Group II	3.72	13.81	
Administrative expenses		521.67	
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets:			
Bonds		316.88	
Gross decrease, by adjustrent of ledger assets:			
Bonds		452.96	
Total Disbursements for year 1944			17,837.07
Ledger assets December 31, 1944			$177,131.62

REPORT OF RETIREMENT BOARD

Balance Sheet-December 31, 1944

ASSETS

Investments Book Value:			
Bonds	$163,215.71		
Stocks	9,130.00	$172,345.71	
Deposits in trust companies and banks, not on interest		2,985.91	
Deposits in trust companies and banks, on interest		1,800.00	$177,131.62

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Accrued interest due on savings account and bonds not in default	1,975.67
Gross assets	$179,107.29
Total admitted assets	$179,107.29

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund-Group I	$71,347.52		
Group II	12,631.74		
Special Fund for Military Service Credit	4.42		$ 83,983.68
Annuity Reserve Fund-Group I		4,233.79	
Group II		70.44	4,304.23
Pension Accumulation Fund-Group I		77,027.86	
Group II		7,447.70	84,475.56
Expense Fund			87.46
Undistributed earnings; Actual			4,280.69
Accrued interest on bonds and savings account to December 31, 1944			1,975.67
Total liabilities			$179,107.29

SCHEDULE OF BONDS-DECEMBER 31, 1944

	Percent	Due	Effective Interest Rate	Bond Value	Par Value
Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co.	4	Oct. 1995	3-3.72, 1-3.65%, 1-3.66	$ 5390.97	$ 5,000.00
Cambria & Clearfield Rwy Co.	4	Feb. 1955	2-3.75%, 3-3.81	5228.07	5,000.00
Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co.	4½	Mar. 1992	3.62	6164.13	5,000.00
Great Northern Rwy. Co.	4¼	July 1977	2-4.24%, 3-4.23%	5091.34	5,000.00
Lexington & Eastern Rwy. Co.	5	Apr. 1965	3-4.23%, 2-4.23%	5849.72	5,000.00
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.	3-3/4	Apr. 2003	3.778	1964.93	5,000.00
New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co.	3-1/2	July 1997	4.41	3971.16	5,000.00
Northern Pacific Rwy. Co.	4	Jan. 1997	4.062	1244.34	1,500.00
" " " "	4	" "	5.20%	3318.20	4,000.00
Oregon Washington R. R. & Navig. Co.	3	Oct. 1960	2.91%	5139.43	5,000.00
Pennsylvania R. R. Co.	3-3/4	Apr. 1970	3.53%	4235.84	4,000.00
Southern Pacific R. R. Co.	4	Jan. 1955	3.90%	5124.43	5,000.00
Texas & Pacific Rwy. Co.	5	June 2000	2-4.55, 1-4.52%	3298.46	3,000.00
Union Pacific R. R. Co.	3-1/2	June 1980	3-3.397, 2-3.40	5144.29	5,000.00
Virginia Rwy. Co.	3-3/4	Mar. 1966	3.46%	5364.43	5,000.00
Total Railroad Bonds				$69530.04	$67,500.00
Boston Edison Co.	2-3/4	Dec. 1970	2.68%	$ 4097.38	$ 4,000.00
Brooklyn Union Gas Co.	3-1/2	Sept. 1969	3.36%	5202.62	5,000.00
Central Maine Power Co.	3-1/2	Aug. 1966	3.29	5280.57	5,000.00
Detroit Edison Co.	4	Oct. 1965	3.59%	5546.61	5,000.00
Duquesne Light Co.	3-1/2	June 1965	3.263	4246.90	4,000.00
Jersey Central Power & Light Co.	3-1/2	Mar. 1965	3.35%	5131.41	5,000.00
Kings County Lighting Co.	6-1/2	July 1954	1-5.99, 3-6.00, 1-5.96	5377.65	5,000.00
Lake Superior District Power Co.	3-1/2	Oct. 1966	3.278	4235.33	4,000.00
Metropolitan Edison Co.	2-7/8	Nov. 1974	2.83%	5068.75	5,000.00
New York State Electric & Gas Corp.	3-3/4	May 1964	3.554	5239.09	5,000.00
Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	3-1/8	Aug. 1973	3.025%	4111.12	4,000.00
Ohio Public Service Co.	4	Aug. 1962	3.73%	5360.16	5,000.00
Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.	3-1/2	Aug. 1969	3-3.20, 2-3.24	5405.25	5,000.00
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	3-1/4	Jan. 1973	2.998	5414.42	5,000.00

SCHEDULE OF BONDS-DECEMBER 31, 1944 (CONT'D)

	Percent	Due	Effective Interest Rate	Bond Value	Par Value
Toledo Edison Co.	3-1/2	July 1968	3.225+-	$5384.28	$ 5,000.00
Wisconsin Power & Light Co.	3-1/4	Aug. 1971	3.04+	5313.12	5,000.00
Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	3-1/4	Jan. 1971	3.066	5271.01	5,000.00
Total Public Utilities				$35685.67	$81,000.00
U. S. Gov't Savings-Series G	2-1/2	July 1955	2.50	3000.00	3.000.00
" " " " " "	2-1/2	" 1956	2.50	5000.00	5,000.00
Total Governments				8000.00	8,000.00
Total Bonds				$163215.71	$156,500.00

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS-DECEMBER 31, 1944

	No. of Shares	Market Value	Actual Cost
First National Bank of Boston	100	$ 5, 700.00	$ 4,703.75
National Shawmut Bank of Boston	60	1, 680.00	1,365.00
Newton Trust Company	35	1, 750.00	1,347.50
Total Stocks		9, 130.00	$ 7,416.25

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR DECEMBER 31, 1944
ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Members Eligible for Prior Service Credit			Members not Eligible for Prior Service Credit			Total Membership
	Group I		Group II	Group I		Group II	
	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Male	
Membership, December 31, 1943	69	21	5	49	15	34	193
Enrolled during 1944				4	7	1	12
Transfers between groups			-1			1	-
Total	69	21	4	53	22	36	205
Deaths		1	1				2
Withdrawals	2	1		4	3	1	11
Retirements for:							
Superannuation	2	1	1	—	—	—	4
Total Deductions	4	3	2	4	3	1	17
Membership, December 31, 1944	65	18	2	49	19	35	188
			PENSIONERS				
Membership, December 31, 1943	16	2	3				21
Retirements for:							
Superannuation	2	1	1				4
Total	18	3	4				25
Deaths	3	—	1				4
Membership, December 31, 1944	15	3	3				21
Total Membership including beneficiaries, December 31, 1944	80	21	5	49	19	35	209

SUMMARY OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND
ANNUAL SALARIES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1944

	Number	Full Annual Salaries
Members eligible for prior service credit:		
Group I - Male	65	$116,958.97
Female	18	29,820.64
Group II	2	240.00
Members not eligible for prior service credit:		
Group I - Male	49	68,000.96
Female	19	18,034.64
Group II	35	55,150.00
Total Active Membership Dec. 31, 1944	188	$ 288,205.21

SCHEDULE OF RETIRED MEMBERS-DECEMBER 31, 1944

NAME	FORMER POSITION	DATE OF RETIREMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	AGE AT RETIREMENT	ANNUAL ANNUITY	ANNUAL PENSION	TOTAL ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE	RECEIVED 1944
Retired Members, Jan. 1, 1944:								
Victor C. Kirmes*	City Clerk	Aug. 1,1937	55 yrs.	81 yrs.		$ 1475.00	$ 1475.00	$ 60.45
Charles Trentsch**	Laborer	Sept.28,1937	12 yrs.	77 yrs.		480.00	480.00	113.54
Albert J. Waghorne	Asst. Supt.	Oct. 26,1937	41 yrs.	76 yrs.		1247.50	1247.50	1247.50
Charles C. Garey	Custodian	Dec. 1,1937	25 yrs.	76 yrs.		1002.32	1002.32	1002.32
Michael J. Hanley	Dog Officer	Sept.28,1937	38 yrs.	72 yrs.		480.00	480.00	480.00
Mrs. Hattie D. Hall	Librarian	Nov. 21,1937	16 yrs.	70 yrs.	$ 2.75	477.25	480.00	480.00
Arthur A. Hayden	Bd. of Health	Dec. 19,1938	18 yrs.	70 yrs.	.36	32.97	33.33	33.33
Harry M. Wilson	Lineman	Apr. 15,1938	10 yrs.	63 yrs.	4.72	200.10	204.82	204.82
Frank C. Newman	Chief Fire D.	June 15, 1939	34 yrs.	73 yrs.		1598.34	1598.34	1598.34
Charles F. Woodward	Asst. Supt.	June 30, 1939	47 yrs.	70 yrs.	37.58	1475.00	1512.58	1512.58
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	" 30, 1939	8 yrs.	75 yrs.		480.00	480.00	480.00
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	June 30, 1939	13 yrs.	73 yrs.		480.00	480.00	480.00
William C. Jodrey***	Call Fireman	Apr. 9, 1940	35 yrs.	65 yrs.	3.97	134.97	138.94	98.81
John J. Keating	Registrar	Apr. 2, 1941	30 yrs.	70 yrs.	5.53	127.80	133.33	133.33
Everard C. Martin	Laborer	June 29, 1941	15 yrs.	64 yrs.	33.01	749.32	782.33	782.33
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	Dec. 3, 1941	40 yrs.	65 yrs.	5.73	128.40	134.13	134.13
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	Oct. 20, 1940	16 yrs.	37 yrs.	12.84	812.24	825.08	825.08
John H. Rourke****	Meter Reader	Aug. 9, 1942	14 yrs.	60 yrs.	39.50	209.76	249.26	119.08
Dennis J. Murphy	Foreman	Sept. 2, 1942	39 yrs.	66 yrs.	88.67	1399.29	1487.96	1487.96
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	Oct. 8, 1942	6 yrs.	70 yrs.	42.82	437.18	480.00	480.00
Myrtle S. Meriam	Health & School Nurse	Feb.6,1943	24 yrs.	70 yrs.	69.57	733.42	802.99	802.99
Retirements during 1944:								
Lawrence Riordan	Foreman	Mar. 25, 1944	35 yrs.	70 yrs.	98.22	936.44	1034.66	795.45
Frank L. Sherman	Assessor	May 7, 1944	13 yrs.	70 yrs.	58.28	421.72	480.00	312.25
Percy C. Cates	Call Fireman	May 13, 1944	41 yrs.	65 yrs.	3.92	38.48	42.40	26.87
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	June 5, 1944	14 yrs.	70 yrs.	66.55	413.45	480.00	274.66
			Totals		$ 574.02	$15970.95	$16544.97	$ 13965.82

*Deceased January 15, 1944
**Deceased March 26, 1944
***Deceased September 16, 1944
****Deceased June 22, 1944

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar schools
1921-22	3,925	2,446	677	2,377.92	642.41	2,229.98	620.21	89	228
1922-23	3,079	2,570	715	2,447.18	736.37	2,259.76	705.92	111	177
1923-24	3,244	2,548	790	2,423.27	803.62	2,292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3,657	2,564	888	2,497.10	831.69	2,345.91	798.18	167	228
1925-26	3,700	2,645	911	2,528.00	870.46	2,356.61	841.42	177	222
1926-27	3,685	2,708	945	2,609.63	915.44	2,494.89	892.57	169	230
1927-28		2,771	1,023	2,709.62	978.06	2,562.24	943.52	183	299
1928-29		2,854	1,087	2,789.19	1,065.85	2,611.80	1,009.23	218	240
1929-30		2,970	1,116	2,877.79	1,076.33	2,714.84	1,028.85	192	251
1930-31		3,005	1,136	2,941.75	1,130.88	2,788.58	1,080.71	225	274
1931-32		3,002	1,223	2,917.76	1,206.61	2,754.75	1,150.69	249	282
1932-33		3,025	1,327	2,916.32	1,257.65	2,753.65	1,195.28	245	261
1933-34		2,990	1,359	2,894.60	1,289.62	2,727.04	1,231.48	267	286
1934-35		2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36		2,897	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,311.57	285	298
1936-37		2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38		2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39		2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375 61	318	259
1939-40		2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41		2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42		2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,464.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43		2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44		2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311

Table II

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June 1944 Who Failed of Promotion

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Per Cent Failed
Coolidge	20.00	11.11	7.69	0.00	3.57	13.89	9.52	8.05	9.23
Franklin	--	--	4.76	0.00	1.75	4.41	--	--	2.73
Gooch	3.22	4.00	0.00	11.11	4.35	3.45	--	--	4.36
Lincoln	9.68	4.44	5.00	0.00	0.00	7.27	12.50	0.00	4.86
Ripley	15.38	5.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	--	3.49
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	7.41	4.76	7.58	4.67	6.11
Warren	8.00	0.00	3.85	3.33	--	--	--	--	3.80
Washington	2.78	8.70	8.82	3.57	4.00	4.00	--	--	5.31
Whittier	11.76	4.71	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.24
Winthrop	11.27	1.52	1.47	0.00	1.39	3.17	--	--	3.14
Total Average	10.26	5.00	3.95	2.25	2.81	5.12	9.87	4.24	5.44

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June 1944 Who Were Conditioned

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Per Cent Conditioned
Coolidge	3.33	0.00	3.85	18.18	10.71	13.89	11.31	18.12	9.92
Franklin	--	--	6.35	7.69	1.75	13.24	--	--	7.26
Gooch	3.22	4.00	0.00	5.56	4.35	17.24	--	--	5.73
Lincoln	6.45	4.44	2.50	8.70	14.63	7.27	19.44	20.83	10.53
Ripley	15.38	5.55	30.00	0.00	15.38	11.11	--	--	12.90
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	7.41	4.76	15.15	5.61	8.23
Warren	0.00	3.33	0.00	6.67	--	--	--	--	2.50
Washington	8.33	4.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	--	--	5.45
Whittier	0.00	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.00
Winthrop	7.04	1.52	4.41	14.29	5.56	15.87	--	--	8.12
Total Average	5.47	2.90	5.89	7.64	7.47	12.92	15.30	14.85	9.05

Table III

Percentage of Pupils Who Failed of Promotion
1940-1944

Grades	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	Total Average Per Cent Failed
I	7.80	7.86	7.89	12.01	10.26	9.16
II	6.72	7.03	7.10	6.78	5.00	6.53
III	4.14	8.72	4.94	7.75	3.95	5.90
IV	6.52	7.21	4.83	6.46	2.25	5.45
V	4.04	3.80	5.99	8.30	2.81	4.99
VI	3.92	5.05	5.78	8.66	5.12	5.71
VII	11.99	10.25	13.72	14.19	9.87	12.00
VIII	5.56	1.88	7.79	3.29	4.24	4.55
Total Average	6.34	6.16	7.02	8.10	5.44	6.78

Percentage of Pupils Who Were Conditioned
1940-1944

Grades	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	Total Average Per Cent Condi-tioned
I	4.30	1.59	5.80	3.99	5.47	4.23
II	2.45	4.49	4.89	2.30	2.90	3.41
III	4.92	5.48	7.78	4.68	5.89	5.75
IV	6.08	5.93	9.56	6.68	7.64	7.18
V	5.15	4.47	7.40	5.51	7.47	6.00
VI	9.31	13.87	12.46	16.26	12.92	12.96
VII	13.85	14.23	16.34	17.39	15.30	15.42
VIII	19.02	11.81	17.43	15.15	14.85	15.65
Total Average	8.15	6.82	8.66	8.00	9.05	8.83

Table IV

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1944

Age	Spec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
5 yrs. old (5 to 6)		125												125
6 yrs. old (6 to 7)		177	94											271
7 yrs. old		27	166	122										315
8 yrs. old		1	29	167	65	1								263
9 yrs. old	2	1	4	21	175	94								297
10 yrs. old	1		2	7	42	148	79							279
11 yrs. old	3			1	8	36	156	80	1					285
12 yrs. old	6				1	11	33	166	93	1				311
13 yrs. old	6						17	41	176	79	4			323
14 yrs. old	8						4	29	40	171	75			327
15 yrs. old	3							5	28	64	171	72	1	344
16 yrs. old								1	2	19	59	180	86	347
17 yrs. old	1									4	14	40	154	213
18 yrs. old										1	2	7	14	24
19 yrs. old													3	3
Total	30	331	295	318	291	290	289	322	340	339	325	299	258	3727

TABLE V

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 1, 1944 to JANUARY 1, 1945

	Asked for by School Committee	Approp.by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
1. SALARIES	$353,160.63	$353,000.00	+ $ 1,235.00	$354,235.00	$354,233.36	$ 1.64
2. TEXTBOOKS & SUPPLIES	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	13,967.77	32.23
3. OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES	2,385.00	2,385.00	0.00	2,385.00	2,379.67	5.33
4. PLANT-OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	49,153.00	46,000.00	- 1,221.00	44,779.00	42,742.04	2036.96
Total	$418,698.63	$415,385.00	+ 14.00	$415,399.00	$413,322.84	$ 2076.16
Special Appropriations Carried over from 1943: High School Lot Filling	$ 1,583.80	$ 1,583.80	$ 0.00	$ 1,583.80	$ 1,579.90	$ 3.90
Cost of Living Increase	$ 32,174.52	$ 32,174.52	$ 0.00	$ 32,174.52	$ 31,431.25	$ 743.27

TABLE VI

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES BY SCHOOLS, FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

Schools	General Control	Other Expenses	Teachers & Principals	Textbooks	Supplies	Janitors' Services	Janitors' Supplies	Fuel
High		$403.60	$124,346.55	$3,406.54	$3,003.84	$ 8,254.45	$ 243.82	$2,134.26
Coolidge		13.99	38,295.42	657.20	845.23	4,724.43	215.12	4,209.46
Franklin			13,640.18	243.50	248.44	1,664.15	50.00	1,663.52
Gooch			9,854.12	154.55	152.09	1,560.00	30.00	633.55
Lincoln		15.39	37,259.80	668.57	750.83	2,806.72	232.11	1,227.46
Ripley		1.50	6,895.14	82.16	75.68	1,568.57	20.00	496.11
Roosevelt		15.28	24,201.98	731.15	945.76	1,882.28	146.42	931.11
Warren			7,026.44	128.06	236.45	1,568.57	21.32	804.68
Washington			10,193.46	224.43	181.83	1,785.22	40.50	810.90
Whittier		3.84	7,053.47	118.82	154.58	1,568.57	30.00	914.06
Winthrop		7.49	24,763.49	497.86	460.20	1,882.28	156.35	914.37
All		326.63	12,533.34			304.73		66.00
Tuition								
Transportation								
General Control	$10,191.95							
Total	$10,191.95	$787.72	$316,063.39	$6,912.84	$ 7,054.93	$29,569.97	$1,185.64	$14,805.48

Schools	Water	Light & Power	General Repairs	Furniture & Furnishings	Tuition	Transportation	Total
High	$ 449.55	$2,471.08	$ 5,309.39	$ 176.20			$150,199.28
Coolidge	302.92	1,617.15	2,492.78	91.80			53,465.50
Franklin	71.04	140.56	698.54	404.45			18,824.38
Gooch	23.65	218.85	352.29				12,979.10
Lincoln	107.76	795.50	1,476.59				45,340.73
Ripley	53.17	178.79	199.88				9,571.00
Roosevelt	76.75	467.15	651.56	1.00			30,050.44
Warren	101.27	52.82	115.47	37.00			10,092.08
Washington	66.95	176.40	466.47				13,946.16
Whittier	28.76	71.58	230.67				10,174.35
Winthrop	152.51	300.99	870.53				30,006.07
All			3,534.87	48.02			16,813.59
Tuition					$1,054.21		1,054.21
Transportation						$614.00	614.00
General Control							10,191.95
Total	$1,434.33	$6,490.87	$16,399.04	$ 758.47	$1,054.21	$614.00	$413,322.84

TABLE VII

Cost per Pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1944

	High	Elementary
General Control	$ 3,328.96	$ 6,864.45
General Control, per pupil .	2.76	2.76
Teachers' Salaries	124,346.55	191,716.84
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil	103.11	77.09
Textbooks	3,406.54	3,506.30
Textbooks, per pupil	2.82	1.41
Supplies	3,003.84	4,051.09
Supplies, per pupil	2.49	1.63
Operation of School Plant . .	13,553.16	39,933.13
Operation of School Plant, per pupil	11.23	16.06
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (excluding Special Appropriations)	5,485.59	11,671.92
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil	4.55	4.69
Other Expenses	403.60	384.12
Other Expenses, per pupil . .	.33	.15
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools $1,054.21		
Transportation . . . 614.00		

Table VIII

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1944

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
High	1249	598	651	1216.49	1135.55	94.26
Coolidge	496	249	247	488.77	545.25	92.51
Franklin	244	126	118	234.99	221.27	98.14
Gooch	146	79	67	145.72	142.06	91.59
Lincoln	423	216	207	406.26	376.54	92.57
Ripley	95	45	50	92.11	86.32	93.59
Roosevelt	281	150	131	269.17	256.38	95.23
Warren	114	55	59	106.92	96.53	90.22
Washington	178	93	85	166.95	150.18	90.02
Whittier	147	79	68	145.76	128.62	88.23
Winthrop	422	220	202	417.53	383.26	91.67
Total	3795	1910	1885	3690.67	3430.96	92.67

2. By Grades

Grades	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
Senior	277	124	153	270.55	252.38	93.48
Junior	289	127	162	282.37	261.94	92.76
Sophomore	316	155	161	308.54	289.04	93.67
Freshman	367	192	175	355.03	331.69	93.14
Eighth	356	182	174	349.71	338.57	93.87
Seventh	368	187	181	357.99	336.49	93.40
Sixth	318	146	172	309.44	290.00	93.76
Fifth	288	154	134	283.32	265.28	93.80
Fourth	297	153	144	280.00	259.70	92.74
Third	283	162	121	281.83	259.48	92.22
Second	330	162	168	313.73	281.93	90.71
First	306	166	140	298.16	263.96	88.48
Total	3795	1910	1885	3690.67	3430.96	92.67

TABLE IX

Number of Teachers in Different Departments January 1, 1945

High

Number full time teachers - women	28	
Number full time teachers (excluding principal) - men	21	
Number full time principals	1	
Number part time teachers - women	2	
Number part time teachers - men	0	
Number medical advisors	1	
		53

Elementary

Number full time women teachers, excluding non-teaching principals	89	
Number full time men	6	
Number non-teaching principals - women	4	
Number non-teaching principals - men	0	
Number special teachers and supervisors - women	5	
Number part time teachers - women	2	
		106
		159

Table X

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

September 1943 to June 1944

Number of cases investigated	78	
Number found to be truants or absentees	53	
Number of complaints in Court	4	
Number placed on probation by Court	3	
Number sentenced to training school	3	*
Number found to be working without certificates	6	
Number of visits to schools	54	
Number of visits to homes	71	

* 2 of these were sentenced for violation of previous probation or parole.

Table XI

Average Age of Pupils in the Different Grades
October 1, 1944

Primary:

Grade 1	6 years 2 months
Grade 2	7 years 4 months
Grade 3	8 years 3 months
Grade 4	9 years 4 months

Grammar:

Grade 5	10 years 3 months
Grade 6	11 years 6 months
Grade 7	12 years 7 months
Grade 8	13 years 5 months

High:

Freshman	14 years 6 months
Sophomore	15 years 6 months
Junior	16 years 4 months
Senior	17 years 2 months

Table XII

Number of Children Enrolled in After-School Classes
November 1, 1944

Piano	70
Violin	4
Band - Advanced	44
Band - Elementary	23
Art	54

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Name	When Built
Whittier	1884
Gooch	1886
Livermore	1891
Warren	1892
Franklin	1896
Lincoln (original building)	1896
Lincoln (addition)	1930
Washington (original building)	1896
Washington (addition)	1924
Coolidge (original building)	1897
Coolidge (addition)	1908
Coolidge Gymnasium	1936
Roosevelt	1924
Ripley (original building)	1924
Ripley (addition)	1930
Winthrop	1926
High	1933

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

January 1, 1945

School	Bldgs.	Land	Furnishings
High	$ 712,500	$ 17,800	$ 50,000
Coolidge	350,000	58,000	26,800
Lincoln	260,000	9,000	20,000
Winthrop	190,000	3,000	14,000
Roosevelt	177,000	2,000	15,000
Washington	137,000	5,000	7,500
Ripley	84,000	4,000	3,500
Franklin	86,261	10,000	4,872
Gooch	67,880	4,500	4,750
Livermore	50,000	6,600	1,500
Warren	25,119	3,000	2,500
Whittier	24,863	3,000	2,500
	$2,164,623	$125,900	$152,922
Washington Playground	$5,000		
Hesseltine School Lot	8,000		

RESULTS OF HEARING TESTS WITH AUDIOMETER

September 1944

Number of pupils tested	1802
Number of pupils on first test showing a hearing loss of 9 or more sensation units in one or both ears	171
Number of pupils retested	171
Number of pupils on retest showing a hearing loss of more than 9 sensation units in one or both ears	28
Percent of pupils tested showing hearing defects	1.55%
Number of parents notified	28
Number of parents included in the above who were notified last year	10

REPORT OF MELROSE LIONS CLUB EYE CLINIC

July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

110 Examinations were made

30 Pairs of new glasses were provided

25 Repairs to glasses were made

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

September 1943 to June 1944

Number of individual inspections.....5842
Number of notices sent.....1070
Number of home calls..... 136
Number of pupils rechecked for
toothbrush habit..... 544
Number of prophylactic treatments..... 315

NUMBER OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

	Calendar Year 1943		Calendar Year 1944	
Age 16 to 21	Boys 545		Boys 491	
	Girls 632		Girls 649	
	Total 1177		Total 1140	
Age 14 to 16 (for work outside of school hours)	Boys	150	Boys	134
	Girls	39	Girls	64
	Total	189	Total	198
Age 14 to 16 (full time employment)	Boys	17	Boys	3
	Girls	5	Girls	3
	Total	22		6

INFORMATION REGARDING THE MELROSE POSTURE CLINICS

October 1943 - May 1944

Number given superficial examinations	1752
Number of pictures taken	251
Number of examinations by Dr. Sullivan	193
Number given special corrective exercises	221
Diagnoses:	
Weak abdominal muscles	92
Hollow back	105
Forward head	76
Lateral spinal curves	27
Round shoulders	113
Weak feet	75
Number of years treated:	
1 year	177
2 years	57
3 years	15
Number of improvement:	
None	21
25%	40
50%	76
75%	34
over 75%	2

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (Jan.1,1944)	27,412
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment school year 1943-44	3,795
Number in High School	1,249
Number in Elementary Schools	2,546
Total approved school bills, fiscal year 1944 (Support)	$413,322.84
Total approved school bills, fiscal year 1944 (Special Appropriations)	1,579.90
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1944 (exclusive of General Control)	152,239.68
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership Jan.1,1944 to Jan.1,1945 (1206)	126.24
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1944 (exclusive of General Control)	251,416.90
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership Jan.1,1944 to Jan.1,1945 (2487)	101.09
Amount expended for tuition (Middlesex County Training School)	75.43
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools)	978.78
Number of Full Time High School Teachers, including principal, Jan.1,1945	50
Number of Full Time Elementary Teachers, including principals, Jan.1,1945	99
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in High School, excluding principal, Jan.1,1945	25
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in Elementary Schools, excluding non-teaching principals, Jan.1,1945	26

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR LIST

(All A and B averages for four years)

Elizabeth G. Allen
Malcolm H. Allen, Jr.
Laurice Elizabeth Bartlett
Kenneth Paul Battles
Phyllis Jean Bever
Virginia Bower
June Ridley Crease
Ella Louise Giovino
Louise Hicks
Daniel Parker Jameson
Shirley Johnson
Eleanor Marie Kelley
Shirley Kendall
Elizabeth Lynne Lemont
Marjorie Nichols Lorenz
Dorothy M. MacKinnon
Virginia Thayer Nowell
Peter R. Olsen, Jr.
Ruby M. Palmer
Phyllis Shaw
John Alfred Tinkham
Edward Joseph Wall, Jr.
O. Carlton Ward, Jr.
Ruth G. Weers
Theodore Woodland Wells
Joanne Wilder

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

(Neither absent nor tardy for four years)

Phyllis Dutton
George J. Musialowski
*Ruby M. Palmer
*Wilfra L. Swindlehurst, Jr.
Robert Everett Turkington

*Until released

PRIZES AWARDED JUNE 1944

Levi Gould Medal	Theodore W. Wells
The Washington and Franklin Certificate	John D. Woods
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal	Robert E. Turkington
Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution Certificate	Shirley Johnson
Melrose Highlands Woman's Club Award	Barbara M. Tucker
Ruth Ansell Morrison Award	Shirley Johnson
Ruth Pauline Nixon Award	Shirley R. Woodman
Wing Musical Award	Jane A. Dale
Phi Theta Chi Sorority Scholarship	Dorothy E. Maguire
Melrose Highlands Woman's Club Scholarship	Shirley Kendall
Melrose Teachers' Club Scholarship	Marjorie N. Lorenz
Melrose High School Parent-Teachers' Association Scholarships	Carl A. Lindstrom Marjorie H. Newton Jane B. Brackett Louise Hicks

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1944 follows:

Weighing and Measuring Devices

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales	9	252		
Weights		272		
Volumetric Measures		98		
Automatic Liquid-Measuring Devices	4	94		
Linear Measures		26	2	
Total	13	742	2	0

Trial Weighing and Measurings

Commodities sold or put up for sale	132

Inspections

Cartons, licenses, coal certificates, milk and cream jars, fuel oil meters, markings of bread and cake, egg packages, food packages, coal in paper bags, clinical thermometers, pedlers' scales, junk scales, etc. etc.	301

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department		
Salaries	$1,200.00	Fees, Sealing	$ 92.58	
Other Expenses	175.00	Licenses	20.00	
Total	$1,375.00	Total	$112.58	

Equipment, in quantity and value, approximately the same as at the end of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley H. Murray

Wesley H. Murray
Sealer

REPORT OF THE SOLDIER'S RELIEF DEPARTMENT

To His Honor Mayor Carl A. Raymond,
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Soldiers' Benefits for the year 1944.

General Administration

Salaries and Wages		$1390.00
Expended	$1370.00	
Balance	20.00	
	$1390.00	$1390.00

Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer		60.00
Expended	$ 533.74	
Balance	26.26	
	$ 560.00	$ 560.00

State Aid
(Refunded in full by the State)

Appropriation		$2500.00
Refunds		15.00
Expended	$2048.38	
Balance	466.62	
	$2515.00	$2515.00

Military Aid
(One half Refunded by the State)

Appropriation		$1500.00
Refunds		
Expended	$ 557.00	
Balance	943.00	
	$1500.00	$1500.00

Soldiers' Burial

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Expended	$ 100.00	
Balance	100.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		$16000.00
Cash Refunds		44.00
Expended Treasurer's Pay Roll	$ 7758.00	
Bills	2440.67	
Transfer Orders	60.00	
Balance	5785.33	
	$16044.00	$16044.00

Itemized Soldiers' Relief Expenditures

Cash	$ 7,758.00
Groceries	72.04
Fuel	785.70
Nurses, Doctors and Hospitals	931.95
Milk	146.24
Medicine	68.11
Clothing and Shoes	165.26
Rents, Board and Room	251.87
Miscellaneous	19.50
	$10,198.67

Respectfully submitted,

H. Leslie Tickey
Agent

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

Department of Wires

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Wire Department for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Fire Alarm System

Nine hundred and ten inspections of box movement were made.
Ten miles of weatherproof wire were pulled in.
Two hundred and twenty cross arms were installed.
Ninety feet of tree molding was installed.
All boxes were painted one coat of fire alarm red.
Nine fire alarm boxes were burned out during September hurricane.

Police Signal System

Ten miles of weatherproof iron wire were pulled in.
Five miles of copper wire were pulled in on red light system.
Four hundred and twenty-one batteries were installed.
One hundred and twelve cross arms were replaced.
Sixty lamps were replaced in red lights.
All boxes were painted.

Traffic Signals

One hundred and twenty five lamps were replaced.
One hundred and two inspections were made on controls.
All controls and lights were painted.

Inspection of Wires

Ninety-two inspections were made on oil burners.
Two hundred and ninety-seven inspections on sealed meters.
Seven hundred and twenty-three inspections on new work, repairs, alterations and additional wiring.
Ninety-two permits were issued to the Malden Electric Company allowing current to be turned on.

Respectfully submitted

Fred G Edwards

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building hereby submit their annual report for the year 1944.

The Trustees are: Messrs. Leon H. Palmer, Chairman, Louis K. McNally, Leslie B. Ellis, Robert T. Boynton and Dr. Harold L. Margeson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries & Wages:

Appropriation	$4000.00		
Credit to Acct	140.00	$4140.00	
Expended		3842.88	
Balance			$ 297.12

Other Expenses:

Appropriation	2640.00	
Expended	1924.31	
Balance		$ 715.69

During 1944 the Trustees sponsored three public organ concerts to which the citizens of Melrose have responded in a very satisfactory manner. A number of years ago a series of these concerts were given, but had to be discontinued because of lack of attendance.

During the past year or two there has been such a spirit of community awareness and an appreciation of the things at hand that the Trustees felt it was an opportune time to revive the organ concerts.

We are fortunate in having on the Board Dr. Margeson who is widely known throughout musical circles, and through his effort and contacts some of the finest organists, and assisting artists have been engaged, and the splendid instrument shown to its best advantage.

The Trustees are most pleased with the way the concerts have been received, and hope the public will not hesitate to make suggestions regarding programs in order that, insofar as possible, everyone may enjoy the music he likes.

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES MEMORIAL BUILDING
Leon H. Palmer
Chairman.

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